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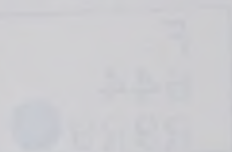
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It is deemed advisable to make some explanation of the various phases encountered in the compiling of this book.

The sources of information were, in many instances, very meager. Some were obtained from old and somewhat hazy records, some were provided from memory by the pioneers themselves, some in just hearsay.

We are fully aware this book is far from complete. Historical data of many pioneers was not available. As a result, many are omitted, others are short and incomplete, but we feel the material in these sketches represent a true cross-section of the experiences encountered by all the early pioneers. We know, in most of these biographies, much of historical interest has been omitted. Also there are, no doubt, errors in the material itself. For all this we apologize.

Then too, because the composition of this book was undertaken by amateur journalists, there are bound to be errors in grammatical construction. These too the reader must overlook.

The committee wishes to thank all those who, in any way contributed material and information for this book.

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HISTORY OF THE EARLY DAYS OF RYDER

A history of the early days of Ryder would be incomplete without reference first to "Old Ryder"—which began as "Centerville."

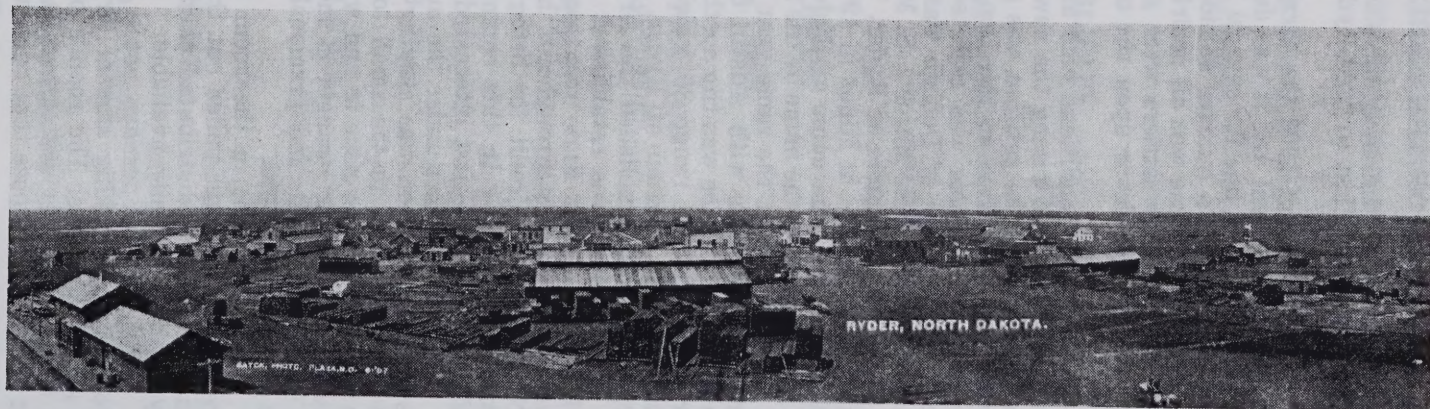
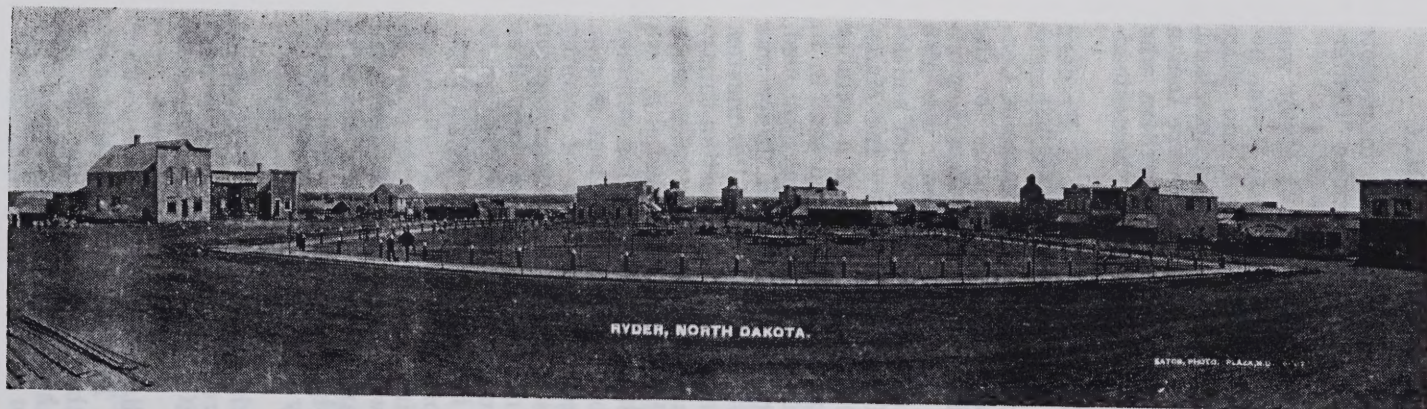
In the spring of 1902 the territory southwest of Minot was opened for settlement and it was during this year that it was necessary to stand in line for several hours at the Minot land office in order to file on a quarter section of this most desirable land. The land at that time was all prairie. The only roads were Indian trails and the only settlers were a few scattered ranchers who did not look with favor upon the coming of the new homesteaders.

It was under conditions such as these that Mr. E. E. Fredeen circulated a petition among the new comers for the establishment of a Post Office. The petition was granted and the name of Centerville was submitted to the Department as the name for the new town. This name was rejected by the Post Office Department and the name of DeKalb was then sent in which was also rejected. At that time Major J. S. Murphy a leading Minot politician suggested the name of Ryder. The firm of Ryder and Mansfield was in business in Minot in 1903 and it was from a member of this firm that the name of Ryder was selected and sent in to the Department as the name of the new town and it was approved, and on July first of the same year the Post Office of Ryder was opened for business with Austin Grey as the first Postmaster. The site of this office was the northeast quarter of section thirty-four, township 151, range 86 which was about four miles south of the present location of Ryder. Mr. Grey also erected a two story hotel and established the first store. During this summer the Ryder News was established by Lloyd Wells from Souris, N. D., who at that time was interested in a chain of country newspapers running throughout the middle and western section of North Dakota. Credit for bringing Mr. Wells here, and thus getting a newspaper in this community should, perhaps, go to E. E. Fredeen, who first interested the editor in the proposition.

The two men met under the most unfavorable circumstances possible. Mr. Fredeen was staying in a hotel at Towner and, as was often the case in the small towns of that period, the hotel was full. A stranger came in and wanted a room. There was none to be had. Seeing the stranger in such a plight Mr. Fredeen played the good Samaritan, and graciously offered to share his room. The stranger accepted.

When they met in the room that evening and were about to retire the stranger pulled out three guns, a rifle, a pistol and an automatic and distributed them about the room, all within easy reach and easily available.

Surprised and perhaps not a little worried at the peculiar actions of this walking arsenal Mr. Fredeen inquired the reason for all the weapons. The room's other occupant replied that at one time in his previous career he had nearly been lynched and that he did not propose that such an incident should occur again.



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It had been a case of mistaken identity. The mob, for some forgotten reason had been in the mood to lynch some one, and had chosen Mr. Wells to play the leading role. He had in some manner escaped but did not wish anything of such a nature to occur again. Therefore he always went well armed and prepared to do battle.

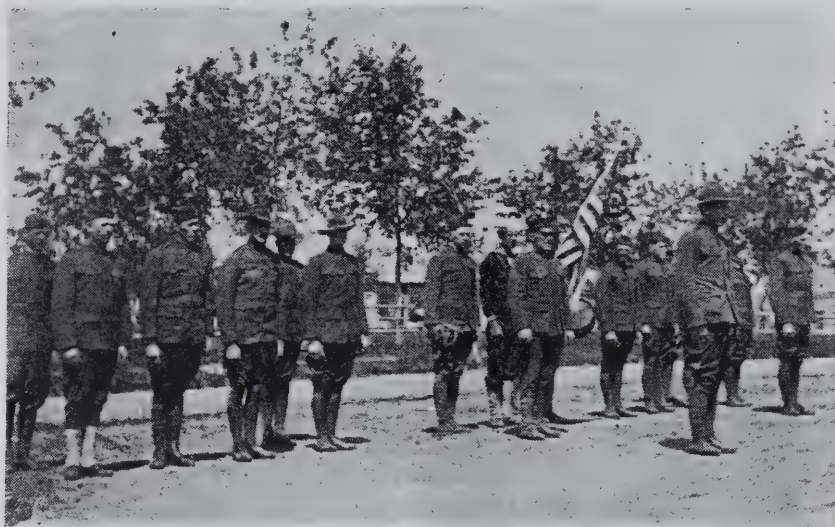
In the course of the ensuing conversation it was disclosed that Wells was a newspaper man. Mr. Fredeen suggested that in the vicinity of what is now Ryder — there being at that time no postoffice here — there were over a thousand people who would gladly welcome and support a newspaper. The two men met again in Minot during the month of May of 1903, and finally Mr. Wells shipped out an entire printing plant, and on the 4th of June began publication. Guy Humphreys was appointed the first editor of the paper. H. C. Miller opened a State Bank and was its first cashier. E. E. Fredeen was awarded the first contract to carry mail from Minot to Ryder. Mrs. Fredeen had a boarding house, a blacksmith shop by J. F. Smith, Casley Bros. Blacksmith Shop, John S. Johnson real estate, S. A. Olsen Groceries, the Lomen Co. Hardware, and perhaps some others.

A Presbyterian Church was organized with Mr. Evans as the first Minister. The fourth of July was celebrated by this community and a baseball game between Ryder and Hiddenwood was played in which Ryder won.

This thriving community struggled along for three years without a railroad. The decision of the Soo Line to extend its branch from Max west changed the complexion of things to the extent that the new town would be located some four miles north of the old Ryder site. In the spring of 1906, Mr. E. E. Fredeen, acting as agent for the Soo railroad, made the purchase of the present townsite from Mr. Bailey, one of the early homesteaders. This location is on the Northeast quarter of section ten, in the same township as the old town was located.

On the 19th of July, 1906 on a flax field on this quarter was held the sale of town lots for the new Ryder. Lots were sold to the highest bidder. The auction was conducted by Mr. Campbell, representing the townsite company. The big event of the day was the spirited bidding of H. C. Miller and Aug. Peterson for the corner lot, which Mr. Miller won, for the First State Bank, and Mr. Aug. Peterson purchased the lot across the street for the First National Bank. The old timers will never forget that scene. All the money bid over the set price went into a park fund for the city and sum of \$3600 was realized, which is the reason that Ryder got such a fine park. The business places from old Ryder were moved to the new town site and new business places sprang up, every line was represented — four banks, four hardware stores, six general stores, 3 livery barns, 5 hotels, 5 restaurants, 6 grain elevators, 1 blacksmith shop, 1 photograph gallery, one furniture store, 1 barber shop, 1 drug store, 3 doctors, 1 dentist, 2 lawyers, and three churches. The first mayor was R. L. Furlong; the first postmaster was O. J. Bye; E. B. Long built Ryder's first sidewalks. In October a commercial club was or-

L. C. Jensen Post - American Legion - Ryder, 1919



Arthur Skeitan
Oscar R. Johnson
Leo. Tibbs
Leo Olson
S. A. Olsen
O. B. Strand

Floyd Roberts
Scotty Skeitan
Ben Tisdell
A. J. Vendsel
A. G. Aaby, Commander



Fredeen Hotel

ganized with C. H. Ross as president; the history which appears elsewhere in this book.

In June of 1907, the first school board was organized with B. A. Dickinson as president, Mrs. C. J. Holm first superintendent, Hilda Rosenquist primary teacher and Miss Van Note as intermediate teacher. The school house was built by D. A. Dinnie of Minot and completed in August of that year. The first graduating class of the Ryder High School was in 1914, and consisted of Mabel Flannery, Orianna Miller, Jessie Van Sickie, Edgar Lomen, and Ethel Hungate.

As stated before the railroad line was completed as far as Ryder in November, 1906, and the first train arrived Nov. 7. It was a steel train and remained there to put in the side tracks before continuing to Plaza, but that did not mean that regular service was started. A blizzard soon blocked the line completely and no effort was made to open the line till spring. In the meantime supplies became low in all lines as all stocks had to be brought overland from Minot and Garrison. Coal was especially hard to get as it had to be hauled in from lignite mines several miles away and farmers who were able to haul in coal made good money during that time. Some got as much as \$22. a ton for their coal. Lignite coal burned rather freely so it became known as "Lug-all-nite" coal. Toward spring the railroad sent a rotary snow plow to open the line and when the train arrived in Ryder it carried one carload of supplies — bottled beer! However, the citizens were so happy to see the first train that they threw a welcoming party for the train crew which delayed them several hours before moving west, resulting in the superintendent of the division discharging the entire crew. It took a petition signed by nearly everyone in town to get the men reinstated to their jobs.

The first restaurant to be opened after the lot sale was built by Kelly Bros., with Mrs. Pat Kelly as cook. The brothers made a success of their business and soon had the largest restaurant in town and continued in business for several years.

In October, 1906 Ed E. Fredeen began construction of his hotel which later became the most famous hostelry in that part of the state. The building was heated by steam, had a fine large lobby, dining room and kitchen, so that they could accommodate 44 diners at one time. At that time a better equipped hotel could not be found anywhere else in the state except Grand Forks and Fargo. The arrangement of the hotel throughout was perfect in every detail, nothing having been overlooked that would add to the comfort of the guests. The office was furnished with comfortable chairs and marble writing tables; the dining room was ample in size to accommodate a large gathering. There were twenty-seven bedrooms.

At the time Ryder was incorporated as a village the question of licensing blind piggers and gamblers came up. As the state was under prohibition at that time that could not be done so the matter was settled in the familiar western technique of having the characters arrested once a month and fining them a certain



Spence Officer's First Oil Wagon



Oxen Breaking Sod near Ryder

amount by the justice of the peace, thus adding to the village exchequer.

In early days notices such as these were often seen in the newspapers. **PIGGERS BEWARE!** Several of our citizens have expressed themselves as being utterly opposed to allowing the sale of liquor at the new town and anybody attempting it will be summarily dealt with. The officials of Ward county take pleasure in killing off this kind of pest.

PIGGER PINCHED!! Frank Blake, who was running a "get-rich-quick" concern in the sod shack near the townsite, was shown where to head in at when Constable Sam Hutchinson swooped down on his joint Tuesday night and arrested him and seized his stock of liquor. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Camp and bound over to the district court. Bond was set at \$2500. He was taken to Minot yesterday and placed in charge of Sheriff Lee. John S. Johnson swore out the warrant against the fellow, and he has performed a public service in riding the community of this pest. This should serve as a warning to the piggers.

In those first years of the town it was customary to bring a number of Indians from the Fort Berthold reservation to help with the celebration. They would pitch their tents in a semi-circular position and provided with a young steer to butcher and serve a portion to each group by having a crier call out the name of the squaw in turn to come and carry her supply to her tent. One of the features of the celebration was a "squaw dance" in which the women would form a circle and shuffle around to the music of a chant. Occasionally they would draw some man visitor into the circle and make him prance around with them — he could get free by making a small donation.

The most important deal that the Ryder Commercial Club handled was to secure legislation for the opening and settlement of the Fort Berthold Indian reservation. Probably the most active workers in this movement we might mention were B. A. Dickinson and Ed E. Fredeen. A congressman and a member of the Department of the Interior were brought to Ryder and entertained at a banquet in the Fredeen hotel and were given all the information at hand relative to the reservation. As a result a bill was introduced in Congress for such opening and a committee named to appraise the lands to be opened. B. A. Dickinson headed the committee, assisted by a government agent and one Indian from the reservation. After this was accomplished the date was set for registrations for those who wished to get a chance to draw a claim. Thousands from all over the country came to register, most of them going to Minot and very few to Ryder which had promoted the whole thing. Later a drawing was held and the winners notified to come and file if they wished, and of course it wasn't long before all the claims were taken up, and today the reservation is considered one of the finest farming sections in the state.

A history of Ryder would not be complete without giving credit to Mr. E. E. Fredeen for the part that he has taken in the building of the town. Some of his contributions include the building of a twenty-two room hotel, the Orpheum theatre, the Motor Inn garage and the first electric light plant. Other early businessmen who still reside in Ryder are C. H. Christiansen and G. B. Officer.

Thus we have seen Ryder grow from a blooming flax field fifty years ago to the village of 1956.



Jim Dye's Sod House



Pat Kelly's - First Restaurant

RYDER VILLAGE

The first settlers of the community had decided to call their new town Centerville. But when a representative of the postal department arrived to establish the post office he informed them that there was a post office by that name. When this representative arrived in Minot the weather was very cold. A hardware dealer by the name of Ryder loaned him an overcoat to wear on

the trip out here. On returning to Minot he offered to pay Mr. Ryder for the use of the coat. Mr. Ryder would not accept anything. The postal representative said he would like to do something to show his appreciation for the use of the coat. Mr. Ryder suggested that he could name the new town after him. The representative said he would recommend the name to the postal department. The name was accepted.

When the railroad came through in 1906, the post office and several business buildings were moved to the new townsite. The first winter was a cold one with lots of snow and blizzards. The railroad was blocked for weeks and coal had to be brought in by team. The coal brought as much as \$20.00 a ton and was auctioned to the highest bidder.

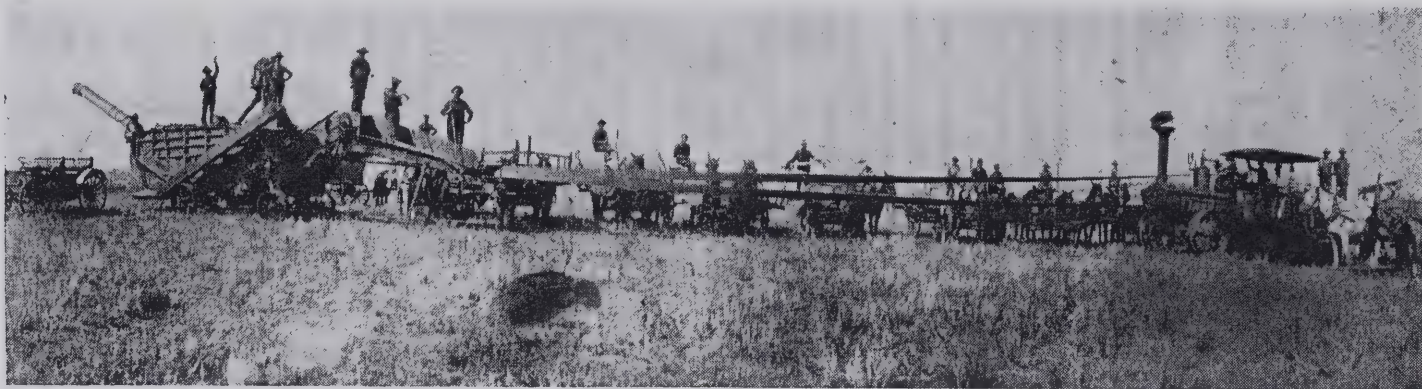
The first meeting of the first board of trustees was held in the office of the bank on May 8, 1907. The first officials were: R. L. Furlong, Chairman; H. C. Miller and H. E. Johnson trustees; Aleck Haroldson clerk; Geo. Kruger Treasurer; B. A. Dickinson assessor; Lewis Larson Justice and Martin Gettle Marshal.

On July 5th, 1907 I. E. Officer was granted franchise for a telephone sytem.

On July 25th, 1907 the Village ordinances were adopted. Elections were held each year in March.

- 1908 The Trustees B. A. Dickinson, A. C. O. Lomen, O. J. Bye, Chairman, clerk Aleck Haroldson, John Billion assessor, Geo. Tilton, Treasurer, I. E. Officer, Justice, Fred Kuster, Marshall. May 8, I. E. Officer resigned as justice - Chas. Wiper appointed. July 10 O. J. Bye resigned - S. A. Olson appointed. Lomen appointed chairman. Aleck Haroldson resigned - Frank Kroman appointed clerk, he resigned on Nov. 23 - G. R. Van Sickie appointed. Feb. 29, 1909 Fred Kuster resigned - C. J. Holm appointed marshal.
- 1909 Election - A. C. O. Lomen, Geo. Wertzler, Chas. Wiper trustees, Lomen elected Chairman, G. R. Van Sickie Clerk, Geo. Tilton Treasurer, John S. Johnson Justice, N. G. Lindgren Assessor, C. J. Holm Marshal.
- 1910 L. L. Mayland, Ole Olness and L. R. Rosberg Trustees. Mayland Chairman, all the other officials reelected.
- 1911 H. E. Johnson, L. S. Officer, G. W. Meyer Trustees, Johnson Chairman, H. C. Miller Treasurer, C. J. Holm, Assessor, F. Brendemuhl Justice, Henry Holton Clerk, John May Marshal.
- 1912 G. W. Meyer, L. S. Officer, Fred Olson Trustees, Meyer Chairman, Henry Holtan Clerk, K. C. Sweet Treasurer, T. N. Engdahl Justice, A. C. O. Lomen Assessor, John May Marshal.
- 1913 Fred Olson, J. N. Haugen, C. A. Aafedt Trustees, Olson Chairman, Christ Johnson Treasurer and Assessor, J. H. Colvin, Clerk, John May Marshal, T. N. Engdahl Justice.
- 1914 Fred Olson, C. A. Aafedt, Severt Shervheim Trustees, Aafedt Chairman, Chas. Lantz Clerk, C. H. Christianson

- Treasurer, J. H. Billion Assessor, T. N. Engdahl Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1915 O. J. Bye, Geo. Kruger, Severt Shervheim Trustees, Bye Chairman, C. H. Christiansen Treasurer, L. Lewis Clerk, John Haugen Assessor, John Campbell Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1916 O. J. Bye, Kruger, Severt Shervheim Trustees, Shervheim Chairman, L. Lewis Clerk, A. G. Aaby Treasurer, John Haugen Assessor, A. C. O. Lomen Justice, G. B. Officer Marshall.
- 1917 O. J. Bye, Geo. Kruger, Severt Shervheim Trustees, Bye Chairman, E. M. Lomen Treaurer, A. C. O. Lomen Justice, J. L. Van Sickle Assessor, John May Marshall, L. Lewis Clerk.
- 1918 Severt Shervheim, Ole Olness, Fred Olson Trustees, Shervheim Chairman, Ed. Lomen Treasurer, A. C. O. Lomen Assessor and Justice, L. Lewis Clerk, Joe Wustner Marshal.
- 1919 J. P. Peterson, Fred Olson, Henry Snippen Trustees, Olson Chairman, L. Lewis Clerk, A. C. O. Lomen Assessor and Justice, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1920 G. W. Meyer, Geo. Wertzler, Fred Olson Trustees, Olson Chairman, L. Lewis Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, A. C. O. Lomen Justice and Assessor, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1921 O. J. Bye, G. W. Meyer, Geo. Wertzler Trustees, Meyer Chairman, A. G. Aaby Clerk, James Hanlon Justice, Harley Jones Assessor, Ben Lindgren Marshall, E. M. Lomen Treasurer.
- 1922 G. W. Meyer, Geo. Wertzler, O. J. Bye Trustees, Meyer Chairman, A. G. Aaby Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Harley Jones Assessor, James Hanlon Justice, Walt Lane Marshal.
- 1923 G. W. Meyer, O. J. Bye, R. N. Haugen Trustees, Meyer Chairman, A. G. Aaby Clerk, Harley Jones Assessor, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, V. L. Irick Justice, G. B. Officer Marshal.
- 1924 G. W. Meyer, Geo. Wertzler, R. N. Haugen Trustees, Meyer Chairman, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, A. G. Aaby Clerk, Harley Jones Assessor, V. L. Irick Justice, G. B. Officer Marshal.
- 1925 G. W. Meyer, Geo. Wertzler, R. N. Haugen Trustees, Meyer Chairman, Wm. Hanlon Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Harley Jones Assessor, John May Justice, R. G. Gilbert Marshal.
- 1926 G. W. Meyer, R. N. Haugen, A. O. Lindstrom, Trustees, Meyer Chairman, H. O. Holm Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Harley Jones Assessor, John May Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1927 R. N. Haugen, G. W. Meyer, Lindstrom Trustees, Haugen Chairman H. O. Holm Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Harley Jones Assessor, John May Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.



Thrashing near Ryder 1909



Thrashing near Ryder 1914

- 1928 R. N. Haugen, G. W. Meyer, A. O. Lindstrom Trustees, Haugen Chairman, H. O. Holm Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, C. J. Hanchett Assessor, L. Gilbertson Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1929 G. W. Meyer, R. N. Haugen, A. O. Lindstrom Trustees, Meyer Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk, E. M. Lomen Treasurer, Chas. May Justice, A. L. Morris Assessor, Chas. Stults Marshal.
- 1930 H. J. Lunden, E. M. Lomen, A. O. Lindstrom Trustees, Lindstrom Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk, C. H. Christiansen Treasurer, T. W. Hungate Justice, A. L. Morris Assessor, Chas. Stults Marshal.
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- 1932 Lindstrom, H. J. Lunden, E. F. Van Hook Trustees, Lunden Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, S. A. Olson Assessor, Carl Hanchett Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1933 H. J. Lunden, A. O. Lindstrom, E. F. Van Hook Trustees, Lunden Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Chas. May Justice, S. A. Olson Assessor, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1934 Earl Van Hook, John Jones, Andrew Anderson Trustees, Anderson Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, E. M. Jacobson Assessor, Carl Hanchett Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1935 Andrew Anderson, John Jones, Sam Snippen Trustees, Anderson Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Hanchett Justice, Harley Jones Assessor, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1936 Andrew Anderson, Sam Snippen, H. J. Lunden Trustees, Snippen Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Harley Jones Assessor, Carl Hanchett Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1937 Andrew Anderson, Sam Snippen, E. C. Anderson Trustees, Snippen Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Hanchett Justice, Chas. Stults Assessor, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
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- 1939 Sam Snippen, Andrew Anderson, T. W. Simmons Trustees, Snippen Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Wertzler Assessor, Carl Hanchett Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1940 Sam Snippen, E. H. Rykkeli, T. W. Simmons Trustees, Snippen Chairman, R. G. Miller Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Wertzler Assessor, Carl Hanchett Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.

- 1941 E. H. Rykkeli, T. W. Simmons, H. J. Eley Trustees, Simmons Chairman, C. R. Danks Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Wertzler Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1942 E. H. Rykkeli, H. J. Eley, D. O. Brumbaugh Trustees, Rykkeli Chairman, C. R. Danks Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Wertzler Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1943 E. H. Rykkeli, D. O. Brumbaugh, H. J. Eley Trustees, H. J. Eley Chairman, C. R. Danks Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Geo. Wertzler Assessor, M. Rogneby Marshal.
- 1944 E. H. Rykkeli, M. Rogneby, H. J. Eley Trustees, H. J. Eley Chairman, C. R. Danks, Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Nelson Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren, Marshal.
- 1945 Sam Snippen, E. H. Rykkeli, H. J. Eley Trustees, Snippen Chairman, Carl Nelson Assessor, Mildred Snippen Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1946 Sam Snippen, E. H. Rykkeli, Arthur Afdahl Trustees, Sam Snippen Chairman, Mildred Snippen Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Nelson Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1947 Sam Snippen, Arthur Afdahl, Oscar Grosklags Trustees, Afdahl Chairman, Mildred Snippen Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Nelson Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1948 Oscar Grosklags, Arthur Oberg, Alvin Officer Trustees, Grosklags Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, E. F. Erb Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
- 1949 A. M. Oberg, Alvin Officer, Oscar Grosklags Trustees, Officer Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, E. F. Erb Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Ben Lindgren Marshal.
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- 1952 Alvin Officer, A. M. Oberg, Milo Knudson Trustees, Knudson Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Marlin Hjelmstad Assessor, Peter Farstad Marshal.
- 1953 Milo Knudson, A. M. Oberg, Alvin Officer Trustees, Officer Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Mrs. James Becker Assessor, Pete Farstad, and Emil Nybakken Marshal.
- 1954 Milo Knudson, A. M. Oberg, Alvin Officer Trustees, Knud-

- son Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. James Becker Assessor, Geo. Officer Justice, Emil Nybakken Marshal.
- 1955 Alvin Officer, Milo Knudson, James Erb Trustees, Officer Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Mrs. James Becker Assessor, Emil Nybakken Marshal.
- 1956 James Erb, Alvin Officer, Milo Knudson Trustees, Erb Chairman, S. C. Schellenbaum Clerk and Treasurer, Geo. Officer Justice, Mrs. James Becker Assessor, Emil Nybakken Marshal.

THE RYDER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Ryder Fire Department was organized November 27th, 1909 with George Hart as the first fire chief and Tom Paulson as the first assistant fire chief.

G. W. Meyers was appointed chief in 1919 with Spence Officer as assistant. Mr. Meyers was chief until 1939 when he retired. He was presented with a gold watch for his 20 years of continual service. The Ryder fire department, at this time was ranked as first class with 22 members, and the department has been instrumental in saving a great deal of property from destruction. It has a full line of chemical equipment, besides a fire engine which is used to pump the water from the reservoir located under the city hall. The department has enough hose to reach to the furthest limits of the village.

Despite such adequate fire protection Ryder has had several disastrous fires in its history. Among the worst being when all the buildings southwest of the park, except the first State Bank building burned, and in another fire all the buildings on the east side of the street, in The First National Bank block, except the harness shop were swept to ashes. Fires at one time have been very numerous, with as many as 16 alarms turned in in one month.

In 1939 G. B. Officer was elected chief and Rankin Miller assistant chief. During their term of office the department has continued to make improvements in their equipment. Mr. Officer retired in 1954 and at that time was presented with a gold watch and Mr. Miller was given a pen and pencil set.

In May 1953 the Ryder Fire Department was given credit for a very fine piece of work. A Mrs. Brown and her small daughter, about three, from Canada were visiting at the Dan Jackson farm. The children were playing near an abandoned well which had an old plank for a covering. The little Brown girl stepped on the plank, which gave way and she fell into the well. The mother found some nylon rope and was lowered into the well by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Thue, who were also visitors at the Jackson home, so she could raise the baby above the water. By bracing her knees against one side of the well and her back against the other side, she held herself and baby in that position and waited

for help to arrive. The Ryder Fire Dept. was called to the scene. George Officer, being quick minded, grabbed some rope that was close at hand and rushed to the farm, he was one of the first to arrive. When he got there, he had the rope tied around himself. Then he was lowered down into the well by several others who had arrived at the scene, where he took the baby from the mother's arms and was raised to the surface bringing the baby to safety. By that time Henry Hoffer, an REA worker had arrived and his truck was equipped with ladders so one of these were lowered down into the well and again George returned to assist Mrs. Brown to safety. The small girl was taken to the hospital for observation but was found none the worse for her narrow escape.

In 1954 the department began raising money for a new fire truck. The men had a benefit basketball game which netted \$194.00. Later they had another benefit game that netted \$314.00. The "Fire Truck" drive committee was T. W. Simmons, George Officer, Alvin Officer, Milo Knutson, Bill Johansen, and Art Oberg. The truck was bought in 1954. It was a 1050 gallon pumper, which is the pride of the town. It was bought and paid for by donations and the benefit games. The large water tank was constructed by T. W. Simmons. In the event it is needed, the tank can be emptied in about ten minutes by a 100-gallon-a-minute pump. The new truck also has a compartment for storage of such portable equipment as gas masks and a new resuscitator purchased recently, the department also lists among its equipment another truck with a 500 gallon tank. The Ryder fire hall is centrally located. In 1954 there was a rural fire department organized, which includes five townships, namely; Rice Lake, Anna, Ryder, Hiddenwood and Blue Hill.

The "High Light" of the year for the firemen is the annual "Smoker" which is held each year the first Wednesday in February. They have a banquet and an evening of entertainment both prepared and enjoyed by themselves.

On February 2nd, 1927 the affair was somewhat different. (The following paragraph is taken from a Ryder News dated February 10, 1927)

"The Firemens party was merry, both dancing and card playing were the major role of entertainment. But after all every one stopped to question the reason for a short night, and it was whispered to us that the firemen had invited their wives and sweethearts (but brought only their wives). The idea was grand and the affair passed over smoothly.

The celibates who prepared the eats have refused to divulge their names, but in spite of this it was a splendid feed, and the anticipated medicine rush at the drug store did not materialize. Several gallons of oysters, a big bale of sauerkraut, a miles length of wieners and several barrels of coffee were evaporated at sight. Now there is nothing for the firemen to do until next year's banquet, and it has been hinted that at next years feed, the boys will not have to drink coffee."

There are 56 members of the Ryder Fire department at the present time with George Officer as Fire Chief, T. W. Simmons as assistant chief, Si Schellenbaum as treasurer, and Don Morris as secretary.

Blaine Officer is an Honorary member of the fire department.

HISTORY OF CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RYDER

The Calvary Presbyterian Church was an important factor in the history of the Community in which it existed during the year's beginning in 1903.

The first week in May 1903 the Rev. F. W. Evans of the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church came from Pennsylvania at the solicitation of the Rev. A. Cristy Brown of Fargo, the Synodical Superintendent of Home Missions for North Dakota, to preach at Centerville, or what is now known as Old Ryder, to form a Church Organization if possible.

On May 24th the first Devine Service was held in the Grey Hotel — the only place available to accommodate a large crowd.

On June 7, 1903 the Rev. J. B. Clapp of Fargo, Synodical Sunday School Missionary came to the community and assisted Rev. Evans in organizing a Sunday School. This meeting was also held in the Grey Hotel.

On Sunday Aug. 9, 1903 Rev. Brown of Fargo came and assisted by Rev. Evans organized a Presbyterian church. Twelve members were received into membership, six by confession of faith, and six by letters from other churches. Guy Humphrey, editor of the newspaper "Centerville News" was elected ruling elder. Christian Johnson, Mrs. Delia Ueland and Mrs. Cora Gettle were elected on the Board of Trustees. This Church was named the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Ward County.

A gift of \$150. was given toward a building fund by the Classon Avenue Church of Brooklyn, New York and pledges were made toward a building, and a site for the building was donated.

The Ministers who served this pioneer church were: Rev. F. W. Evans 1903, who years later became the moderator of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, Rev. Steel 1904, Rev. W. M. Warne 1905, Rev. Wm. Graham 1906.

In 1906 when the Soo Railroad came through this part of the state, and lots were being sold for the establishment of a town, lots 7 and 8 were sold to Calvary Presbyterian Church. The buildings from old Ryder, including the small Presbyterian church building were moved to what is now known as Ryder. The Presbyterian Church building was located on lots 7 and 8.

Ministers serving in this church were: Rev. Cassel 1907, Rev. Jones 1908, who was the Father-in-law of the Rev. Matthews of Seattle, Washington, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of

the United States, Rev. Circle 1908-1909, Rev. Logan 1909-1910, Rev. Grose 1912-1914.

Later, as the congregation grew, a new church was built on lots 1 and 2 across the church west from the small church building. The old building was sold to the German Lutherans, and moved to the east part of town. It is still being used for their place of worship.

A new Manse containing 7 rooms and a bath was built north of the church.

For many years the church was not self supporting. A grant of \$1000 was given by the Board of National Missions besides other supporting assistance.

The new church was dedicated in 1914 with Rev. Grose pastor. The Dedication ceremony attracted a large crowd. Visiting guests were N. D. Governor L. B. Hanna and T. U. Richmond, Moderator of the Synod of N. Dak. Special music was furnished by the local choir.

The ministers serving the church following Rev. Grose 1912-1914 were: Rev. James Young 1914-1916, Rev. W. J. Richardson 1916-1921, Rev. Cogal 1921-1923, Rev. Arthur Hill 1923-1927, Rev. Peter DeBeer 1928-1929, Rev. George McDonald 1950-1951, Rev. Amel Whitwer 1953-54.

Student pastors serving the church during the summer months when the church was without a resident pastor were: Vernon Steenerson 1911, William Payden 1927, Dalton Donald 1933, J. C. Korthal 1934, James Ford 1937, Clyde Allison 1941, Allan Van Cleve 1942, Allan G. Gripe 1944 (14 months), Alfred Behr 1946 (14 months), Russell Tate 1948, W. J. Henderson 1949 and 1950, Wayne Lawrence 1952.

The passing of years has witnessed many changes. After becoming self supporting, National Missions has had a place in the work of Calvary Church, and the interest has increased in Missions from year to year. Missionary work is also being done by the Ladies Aid.

The History of the church would be incomplete without mentioning the works of the Ladies Aid.

The Aid has given considerable financial aid to the church; the Manse was bought and paid for by the Aid. All the equipment in the church parlors, the oil heating system, and much of the cost of the upkeep of the church is a result of their efforts.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Immanuel Lutheran Church bought the building it still uses, on August 22, 1917, after services had been held in a number of places for several months. The building had rather an interesting history. It was built originally at Old Ryder and used there by the Presbyterian Church. In 1906, it was moved to Ryder by that congregation where it stood across the street from the pre-

sent church. When the new church building was finished, the old one became the property of the school which used it to house the 5th and 6th grades until the addition to the schoolhouse in 1917.

The first pastor for the new congregation was the Rev. Mr. A. H. Grumm who now resides at Fargo. At that time he lived south of Douglas. Early members of the church included these families: G. W. Meyer, Herman Lenaburg, Herman Brandt, Carl Brandt, Herman Mueller Sr., Paul Kukash, Herman Nagel, A. F. Krueger, and E. C. Schiewek.

The present pastor is the Rev. Mr. W. M. Munding of Garrison.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. John's Lutheran congregation was organized on May 1, 1904, by Rev. J. S. Sneve. The charter members were Henry Sampson, chairman of the congregation, O. L. Hjelmstad, secretary, Just Mulnaa, treasurer, and Erling Fretheim, Albert Moe, Erick Ring, C. J. Amundson, Albin Johnson, Emma Hjelmstad, and Ole Troite. As evidence of the limited finances of the infant congregation, the records show that the congregation felt able, in 1904, to raise the sum of \$25.00 as a help toward getting the services of a minister for one year. The new church actually got going in July, 1905, with the coming of the first pastor, Rev. O. E. Gronen.

The first church building which was 18' x 26' was erected in 1907, but was soon outgrown, and in 1912 the congregation began to seriously consider the erection of a new building. A basement for a new, larger church was made, and the old building sold. In 1916 the congregation decided to proceed with the erection of the new building and committees were named to draw up plans and arrange for financing. These committees consisted of the following men: Sever Shervheim, Ole Olness, L. R. Rosberg, C. A. Aafedt, C. H. Christiansen, Aleck Haroldson, O. L. Hjelmstad, and C. O. Hallan. The present church building was dedicated in 1917. It is 70' x 32' and the height from the ground to the tip of the cross is 85 feet and seats over 250 people outside of the gallery.

Meanwhile, the Rev. O. E. Gronen had come to serve as pastor in 1905, and was succeeded by Rev. Christian Forthun in 1907, and he in turn by Rev. T. E. Quam in 1908, Rev. N. H. Holm in 1910, Rev. T. S. Stockdahl in 1915, Rev. I. A. Johansen in 1923, Rev. Joseph Eastvold in 1925. In 1927 the Rev. E. K. J. Kristiansen came to this parish and served for 15 years. He was succeeded by Rev. J. B. Dragseth in 1942. When Rev. Dragseth resigned to take a new parish at Minot, No. Dak., in 1956, a seminary graduate Rev. Dyste was called. The congregation had also undergone some changes in its organization. At first St. John's was affiliated in a call with Bye's district (now Hope Lutheran of Makoti) and Douglas. Later this call was dissolved and a charge consisting of St. John's and Hope Lutheran was set up. In 1924 the present

charge was organized with St. Peter's at Emmet and Immanuel at Roseglen.

In 1925, after a series of hard years, the Church was in financial difficulties. Upon the recommendation of C. H. Christiansen, the men of St. John's rented a quarter section of land and donated their labor to farm it for several years, with farming profits going toward reduction of debts. This project was continued for five years.

No history of the church could be complete without mention of the various organizations within the church, the Luther League, Sunday School, Lutheran Children of the Reformation, and especially the Ladies Aid. The Aid was organized on June 12, 1903 at the home of Mrs. G. Gilbertson, by its 3 charter members: Mrs. G. Gilbertson, Mrs. Henry Sampson, and Mrs. C. J. Amundson. Mrs. Sampson became the first president. The meetings were held in small prairie homes and later in the church basement. It was but a small beginning but time has proven the old saying to be true, "Tall trees from little acorns grow." Through the years, the Ladies Aid has carried on the work of the Church, and supported its work in mission fields at home and overseas. And especially in times of financial hardship in the local church they have always been ready to lend their hand. Most of the furniture in the church, the parsonage bought in 1926, the bell, and a good deal of the cost of the building itself is the result of their efforts. Mrs. Milo Knudson is the president of the Aid at the present time.

Pioneer members still living are: Mr. and Mrs. Ole Troite, Just Mulnaa, Mrs. Ed Olson, Mrs. Olaf Hjelmstad, and Mrs. C. J. Amundson.

The present trustees of the church are: Arthur Oberg, Clarence Haugen, George Officer, Glen Warner, and Orville Knutson. The church deacons are: Mrs. G. B. Officer, Mrs. Charles Knutson, James Erb, Ole Otteson, and Andrew Larson. Other officers are: Oscar Larson, Treasurer; Darrell Larson, Secretary; and Ralph Larson, finance secretary.

We honor our pioneers who through the early years built the walls of Zion, for their loyal support of God's work. And to you pioneers who built so well, may the last years of your journey be years of peace and calm — and may He who has promised to be with us even unto the end — keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. May the words for comfort and consolation fill your hearts.

CHURCH OF GOD

In June, 1920, three men, Arne Granum, Ole Larson and Andrew Anderson purchased a building for a mission hall. It was located where the Farmers Union Oil Co. building now stands.

This mission operated as an independent group until Jan. 14, 1927, when a Church of God was organized by Rev. Paul Walker. There were fourteen charter members.

In 1939 the building was moved to it's present location. In 1945 the Roseglen and Ryder churches purchased a parsonage.

This church has been served by six regular pastors and several interim pastors, Rev. Paul Walker being the first and Rev. L. Christian the present one. Rev. Max Brandt and Rev. J. H. Daffee served for the longest time periods.

More than one hundred persons have been connected with this church and Sunday School through the years.

Six pastors and two missionaries have been sent out into the Gospel work from this small church.

Some of the charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bowen; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Inches; Mrs. Granum.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT HIDDENWOOD, N. DAK.

The Hiddenwood Presbyterian Church was an important factor in the history of the community in which it existed during the years 1903-1940. The Church had its beginning in the year 1903 in a small store and Post Office operated by Williams and Wright located in the Hiddenwood community.

The members in the community gathered in the store each Sunday for church services with the Rev. F. W. Evans as minister. Years later, the Rev. Evans attained the high position of Moderator of the Presbyterian churches of the United States. Ministers serving the community following Rev. Evans were: Rev. J. E. Steel, 1904; Rev. W. W. Warne, 1905; Rev. Wm. Graham, 1906. After the store closed church services were held in the home of Miss Mina Huntzinger and Mrs. Myrtle Charles.

The Hiddenwood Church was officially organized in the year 1905 and the building was completed in 1907, due to the persistent efforts and work of Mrs. D. G. Campbell and Mrs. Isaac Dopp who made many trips with horses and buggy to the town of Ryder pricing building material, making plans, etc.

Mr. Harley Jones did the carpenter work on the church. Mr. Henry Gortmaker built the basement and chimney. Volunteer workers were: Charlie and Tom Wilson, A. J. Landon, John Campbell, Fred Schilling, Chris Olson, Mert Emerick, Chas. Dickinson, Bert Brigham, Bert Allen. Meals were served to the workers by the Ladies Aid at the homes of Charles and Tom Wilson and Isaac Dopp.

The Church was located on the S. W. Quarter of Sec. 2, Township 150, Range 87 in McLean County. The land was donated for the erection of the Church by the Wilson brothers. The first minister to serve in the new church was the Rev. Wm. Graham. A Sunday School was organized with Mrs. D. G. Campbell as Superintendent. Ministers following the Rev. Graham were: Rev. Cassel, Rev. Jones, Rev. Logan, Rev. Young, Rev. Grose, Rev. Cogal, Rev. Richardson, Rev. Hill, and Rev. DeBeer. These ministers all came out from Ryder for the Church services.

The Church was blown off its foundation Aug. 15, 1928 and was restored to its foundation Nov. 9, 1929. Some time afterwards the A. J. Landon children, James, Marjorie, and Bob were playing around the Church and found the tin box with records which had been placed in the corner stone of the Church. They told their parents of the find and were told to bring the box home where it has been all these years.

Rev. C. A. Armstrong, Superintendent of the Council of Religious Education in N. Dak., calling at the Landon home was told about the box and he suggested that Mr. Landon sort out the valuable papers in the box and send them to him and he would see that they were put in the Presbyterian volume of Church histories in the State Historical Library.

As time went on many of the families of the Hiddenwood community moved to different places, and many passed on. This left so few to carry on the work that the Church was sold Oct. 7, 1940 to the Church of God organization at Roseglen and at this time, 1956, it is still in use at Roseglen. Two faithful families left who carried on the work in the Hiddenwood Church for so many years, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Landon and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson and family transferred their membership to the Presbyterian Church in Ryder. The following who were connected with this Church and who are now living in the community of Ryder are: A. J. Landon, Robert Landon, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson and family, Harley Jones, Mrs. Wm. Johanson, John Campbell and Margaret Campbell.

ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

The first Catholic service was held in a school building just south of Carl Hornings homestead from 1903 until 1906. The Catholic Church was built in Ryder in 1906 named St. Charles Church. Walter Conner's father living in Ryder at that time built the church. The helpers were Will and Ed Mahoney, Carl Horning, James Cronin, Henry Albert, Chris Linnertz, Jacob Kraft and the others who helped or donated to the building fund were: Peter Kripps, Nick Mahran, Joseph Miller, Thos. Gavan, Ed Maher, John Billion, Joe Wiestner, John Wood, Peter Mahoney, G. E. Reigner, John Burwell, H. P. Murphy, Geo Hart, Frank Kraman, John Enright, Albert Roessl, Mrs. Ellers, Nick Mahren, John Heinan, Mrs. Ed Paul, John Seiwright, Pat Kelly, Frank Kelly.

The first service was in the newly built church in June, 1907 with Rev. La. Favreau who attended from the mission at Elbowoods. He served until 1911 when Rev. Robert Wawers was pastor until Rev. F. Lucking of the Plaza parish came to serve the Ryder Mission which at that time was a Mission of the Plaza parish. Very often church services were held on Saturday mornings to enable Rev. Fedelie Lucking to make the trip by train from Plaza. Rev. Fedelie Lucking was pastor at Ryder until 1925 when Rev. Wingerling served until 1928. During that time Ryder and Max

became a parish with Douglas. With Ryder and Max being the missions Rev. Wilfred Fisher was pastor from the year 1928 until 1944 when Rev. Arnold Buckes was pastor a few months. Rev. Eugene La Mere's now of New England, No. Dak. served the church from 1944 until 1953, then Rev. Thomas Boltan and Rev. F. J. Nelson, now of Powers Lake served a few months until Rev. C. L. Gavett came in 1953 and is now the present pastor. The church at present has 92 members and three charter members who are: Mrs. Elizabeth Mahoney, Mrs. Kay Hopkins, and John Linnertz. Mr. Henry Albert and Henry Bofenkamp, now both deceased, served as trustees of St. Charles Catholic Church for many years. Joseph Petz and Ray Bofenkamp are the trustees at the present time. St. Charles Altar Society reorganized in 1949 with twelve members. The members help support the Indian and Negro Fund, Foreign Missions, Crusade for Freedom and the Bishops Fund.

HISTORY OF BANNER REBEKAH LODGE No. 75

Banner Rebekah Lodge No. 75 was instituted at Ryder, February 18, 1910, with Annie Miller, now of Minot, instrumental in organizing this lodge. The ten charter members were: the Mrs. Annie Miller, Ida Hanson, George Hart, Will Paulson, B. A. Dickinson, Minnie Olson, Mayland, Chas. Powelson, Ole Olness, and J. H. Griffin.

Mrs. Ida Hanson was elected the first Noble Grand and Annie Miller served as the first Vice Grand and is the only charter member at this time. She has been a Rebekah 64 years and we are proud to have her a member of Banner Lodge these past 46 years. She is the only member of this lodge to have had the Degree of Chivalry conferred upon her.

The lodge progressed nicely until our records, furniture, and all paraphernalia were destroyed by fire January 1917 — but due to the interest taken by Velma Officer, now of St. Paul, Minnesota, in Rebekah Odd Fellowship, Banner Lodge is still active. She called a meeting of the Rebekahs at her home and through her influence the lodge was reorganized and reinstated, meeting in the basement of Fredeen Hotel, then in the basement of what is now Sam's Pool Hall, but the meeting place was solved when the Odd Fellows bought the building still in use by the Drug Store.

We have 36 members with Mrs. Yvonne Erb, Noble Grand; Ardys Morris, Vice Grand; Hazel Grosklags, recording secretary; Alice Bloom, financial secretary; Margaret Afdahl, treasurer; and Helen Morris, Deputy President. The Past Noble Grand's Club consists of 15 members with Mrs. Helen Morris as president. The lodge trustees are Eleanor Officer, Hazel Simmons, and Helen Morris.

Great interest is given to the home in Devils Lake. Members in this lodge who have served as president of District No. 8 are Nell Schellenbaum, Margaret Campbell, Flora Snippen, June

Brumbaugh, Lillian Miller, Mildred Drew and Eleanor Officer.

Margaret Campbell served two years as President of the Rebekah Assembly of North Dakota and represented the state at the Chicago Convention in 1942, and officiated as Vice President in the installation of the National officers.

Veteran members who have received Service Jewels for having belonged twenty-five years and longer are: Annie Miller, Margaret Campbell, Velma Officer, and Clover Neukom, not now members; Edith Morris, and Pauline Afdahl deceased; and Augusta Van Hook, Marie Hanchett Overbeck, Nell Schellenbaum, June Brumbaugh, Lucy Haugen, Lillian Miller, Marie Hacanson, Lena Hopkins, Anna Rostad, and Ethel Erb.

In connection with this short incomplete history, three deceased Odd Fellows contributed much to the cause of promoting Rebekah Odd Fellowship in Ryder namely: H. C. Miller, husband of Annie Miller, of Minot, L. S. Officer, whose wife Velma resides in St. Paul, and Mr. John Miller, father of Rankin Miller of Ryder. Their influence is still living and will continue to live for years to come.

May each of us determine to cultivate a truer spirit toward one another, having in mind that our colors are emblematic of steadfast friendship and eternal love. In this age of turmoil and confusion, anxiety, heartache, and waiting may we each cling to the "Faith of our Fathers, Holy Faith", resolving we will be true to Him till death.

HISTORY OF THE RYDER ODD FELLOW LODGE-No. 116

The Ryder I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 116 was organized January 15, 1908 with the following six charter members: Hans C. Miller, S. A. Olson, John S. Johnson, Thorwald Paulson, Charles Powelson, and George S. Hart.

The lodge progressed nicely and had nine successful years, until January 1917, when a fire destroyed the property, furniture, regalia and all records. Despite this disaster, the lodge remained active; meeting in various places, until April 10, 1924, when arrangements were made to purchase what was known as the George Krueger building. William Hanlon was Nobel Grand and presiding officer when this building was purchased. The building was remodeled and furnished and is now the property and present meeting place for both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of which they are justly proud.

Present officers of the Ryder I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 116 are: Nobel Grand, Ralph Larson; Vice Grand, Howard Krueger; Recording Secretary, Glenn Warner; Treasurer, Garfield Brumbaugh; Financial Secretary, R. G. Miller.

The lodge has had 48 years of continued existence in Ryder witnessing many changes. Many beneficial and happy hours have been spent and enjoyed by the members in Friendship, Love, and Truth.

L. C. JENSEN POST NO. 99

Written by James Erb

This American Legion Post was named after L. C. Jensen, who was an International Harvester Dealer in Ryder before entering the Service during World War I. He entered the service in 1917 at Minot, North Dakota, as an engineer. He lost his life in France during the flu epidemic in 1918. The post was organized in the fall of 1919, and has been in continuous operation since. Legionnaires of Roseglen and Raub were a part of this post until 1954 when they formed their own, Gladwyn L. Roberts Post. Charter members of the L. C. Jensen Post. No. 99 were as follows: Leo Olsen, Henry U. Monson, O. J. Timble, O. B. Strand, O. D. Olson, J. R. Shea, A. S. Kelly, Wm. Hunter, Patrick E. Malone, Carl H. Kloffke, Merwin S. Long, C. A. Olson, Elmer I. Opheim, O. J. Franze, and Earl F. Van Hook. We regret none of these comrades are present members of this post. Some have moved away, while others were called to the post everlasting.

In 1953 we received memorial money to use toward building an auditorium, which was completed that summer. We have a portion of this building for a club room, and are very proud of it.

Today we are a small post of 33 members, but always working for God and Country, Community, State and Nation. Present Post officers are as follows: Commander G. C. Haddeland, Sr. Vice Commander Ray Olson, Jr. Vice Commander Donald Magandy, Adjutant James Erb, Chaplin Vernon Knutson, Finance Officer Gayler Burtness, Service and child welfare officer Lorin W. Meyer, Sgt. at Arms Marvin Witt, Historian Harold Neukom, Athletic Officer Chester Hofstad, and Entertainment Officer Douglas Drew.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

The first woman's club in Ryder was organized on May 19, 1910. Mrs. R. J. Logan called a meeting at her home and the Kensington club was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Logan; Vice President, Mrs. Wiswell; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bracelin.

This club was a social organization doing handwork at each meeting. A committee composed of Mrs. Holm, Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Mayland drafted the constitution. Members the first year included Mesdames Logan, Wiswell, Bracelin, Holm, Griffin, Mayland, Sweet, Billion, Enright, Hart, P. C. Kelly, R. Kelly, Weikert, Dickinson, Miller, S. A. Olson, Aafedt, Paulson, Powelson, Tucker, Olness, Regneir, Christiansen, and Misses Rose Weikert, Lucy and Hilda Rosenquist, and Margaret Campbell.

On October 11, 1912, a motion was made that Mrs. Van Sickle write for the books, "LIBRARY OF HOME ECONOMICS," to be ordered on approval. The next month the members looked at the books and decided to keep them.

After taking up the first three volumes it was decided on February 28, 1914, to take the study work out of the Kensington club.

Evidently some of the members decided to continue the work, because on March 6, 1914, at the home of Mrs. C. A. Aafedt, a new club was organized with Mrs. C. A. Aafedt as president, Mrs. T. H. Bracelin as vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Christiansen as secretary, and Mrs. L. R. Rosberg as corresponding secretary.

A constitution was drawn up by Mesdames Engdahl, Haroldson, and Christiansen with the following features of interest: The name was to be the Home Economics Club. Officers were to be elected every six months. The object was the general improvement of members along literary lines. Membership was limited to twelve. Meetings were held on alternating Friday afternoons.

The twelve charter members are as follows: Mrs. C. A. Aafedt, Mrs. T. H. Bracelin, Mrs. C. H. Christiansen, Mrs. J. Billion, Mrs. T. N. Engdahl, Mrs. A. Haroldson, Mrs. Ole Olness, Mrs. L. R. Rosberg, Mrs. P. C. Kelly, Mrs. H. E. Johnson, Mrs. B. A. Dickinson, and Mrs. F. L. Rairdon.

The set of Home Economics books was purchased from the Kensington Club and the study continued on the following subjects: cooking and dietetics, personal hygiene, care of the sick, care of children, textiles, clothing and dress making. Many of the members took the examinations and sent them into the book company for grading and the certificates which indicated their completion of the course of study.

In the fall of 1916, the constitution was revised so that the limit on membership was removed. Officers were to serve for nine months from September to June. It was also decided to join the State Federated Clubs. The club colors of brown and gold were chosen, and the club motto, "Human Improvement is from within outward," Froude. This year the first printed programs were prepared and roll call became a part of each meeting. The club placed a traveling library in the drug store for the public. The members also planted flowers in the park.

During the year of 1917-1918 the club began to meet once a month for the study of the American Red Cross. A play, A RIFT IN THE CLOUDS, was given under the direction of Mrs. Haroldson. The cast included, Sam Waxman, Mrs. Dickinson, George Graham, Freda Krueger, Mrs. Mielke, Blaine Officer, M. O. Towsley, Mrs. Hubler, and H. L. Matson. The \$120 realized was donated to war charities.

In 1930 the club decided to take up Homemaker's work as given by the Extension Service of the Agriculture College. This work was continued for two years.

In 1935 the club decided they would withdraw from the Federated Women's Clubs since the added dues were oppressive because of the depression.

As time went on the membership has changed completely. There are twenty members, the oldest in service being Mrs. Meyer

who joined in 1920.

Since its inception it has been a policy of the club to improve the community by some donation each year. Most of the efforts have been directed toward the school. This past year a stage curtain for the school auditorium was presented. In other years such items as a piano, sewing machine, books, periodicals, water systems, showers, drinking fountains, and even a well have been given to the school. Flowers were planted in the park several years, a traveling library sponsored, Red Cross work taken up during the World War I, and several canvasses for funds made for the Florence Crittenden home.

To finance these projects a number of plays, a Minstrel show, and other entertainments were produced. Raffles, auctions, teas, sale of lunches, greeting cards, and traveling hungry wolves have brought in money. For two years the club edited a page of the MOUNTRAIL RECORD. Other major money making schemes included two smorgasbords and one plate supper.

The club continues as a study group with an interesting miscellaneous program, although the members do not pursue quite as strenuous a course as the charter members. A leader at each meeting presents a book report, a travelogue, or another interesting subject. In recent years a number of moving pictures and slides have provided variety. Each member prepares a roll call on some phase of a given subject throughout the year.

Instead of the banquets and elaborate entertainments which the earlier club featured, the present group took a trip through the Theodore Roosevelt Park in 1953. On several other occasions they have attended theatre parties. The custom of giving showers for club babies which began in 1921 continues.

The club colors, the motto, and the aims of the organization continue.

RYDER HOMEMAKER'S CLUB

The Ryder Homemaker's Club was begun in 1932. At the June meeting of the Ryder Community Benefit Club held at the Alvin Nelson home, it was decided to ask Miss Jonsgaard, the associate county agent, to come out to the next meeting and explain the Homemaker Club work. At this same meeting Mrs. Charles Butts, and Mrs. Hugh Hanlon were elected to act as project leaders.

Mrs. George Wead, the secretary, notes that Miss Jonsgaard was present in September when club was held at the D. O. Brumbaugh home. She outlined the work which would be done for the year. Mrs. R. N. Haugen was president at the time the homemaker's work was begun. The club roll included 26 members. Besides those already mentioned were Miss M. Lundahl, Mesdames H. Jones, Charles, Stults, Fred Osmon, A. Paulson, T. Hungate, J. Grimes, McGulpin, H. Rime, C. Bloom, J. Afdahl, L. Severance, L. Rogers, C. Anderson, E. F. Erb, H. Sorenson, E. Benson, Rykeli, P. Harstad, and A. Olson. Before the club year was over Mrs.

C. Hanchett, Mrs. G. W. Meyer, and Mrs. S. Snippen had also joined.

The Homemaker's work has continued to date as outlined by the State Extension Division of the NDAC. Each year lessons on the three major projects, Food and Cooking, Sewing and Garments, and Home Management are presented to local project leaders who in turn give the lesson to their home club. There are also extra lessons on timely health, legal, craft subjects, and special topics. When the club organized only two leaders were chosen to present all six major topic lessons. Now there are two for each topic. In the fall of 1955, Miss Lundahl, Mrs. Brumbaugh, Mrs. Snippen, and Mrs. Meyer were honored by the club for their many years of continuous service, all of them having been active members of the organization for 24 years. To each was presented a Homemaker pin and guard.

HISTORY OF THE COMMUNITY CLUB

Organization of the Ryder Commercial club, the fore-runner of the present Ryder Community club was effected October 17, 1906, when 61 men gathered to form some kind of a group that would work for the advancement of municipal enterprises, and foster the essential qualities of cooperation and unity.

K. C. Sweet served as chairman of that first meeting. Following adoption of a motion to elect officers, the election was held resulting in the choice of D. C. Ross for president, K. C. Sweet, vice president; B. A. Dickinson, secretary, and J. H. Billion, treasurer. A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws was named, composed of E. H. Wiper, H. E. Johnson, and W. H. Gray.

From this first, the Commercial club took active part in any problem confronting the residents of the territory, and among their first moves was a discussion regarding the circulation of a petition to the county commissioners asking for aid in fixing the road south of town. Shortly after this move, the Commercial club arranged with the constables of the townships to act as marshals of the city until the town would be incorporated. Plans were also laid for the appointment of a county constable to serve in this territory and protect the town.

It was the Commercial club, acting in the capacity of a city council that moved that Ryder be incorporated as a village, and it was definitely designated as to the exact amount of land that should be covered by this incorporation.

Other matters brought up from time to time, included plans to aid in opening the Fort Berthold Indian reservation, entertainments relative to legal holidays, recommendations of local candidates for county offices, farmers problems, marketing problems, and incidental matters vital to the welfare of the village.

In 1921, the affiliation of the Ryder Commercial club with the international organization of Town Criers clubs was effected, and the Minot Town Criers were invited to attend the first meet-

ing of the local unit. It was moved and seconded to hold meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Officers were elected as follows: L. S. Officer, president; C. H. Christianson, vice president; C. R. Hurley, secretary, and John Campbell, treasurer.

One of the achievements of this Town Criers club was bringing a physician to Ryder, another the arrangement for night lighting service, and a night watchman. While the Town Criers was a most successful organization and accomplished its purpose with all satisfaction, it was felt that a local Community club would be able to serve the city to better advantage, and in accord with this idea, the present Community club was organized. The present officers are as follows: Lorin Meyers, president; Milo Knudson, vice president; Douglas Drew, secretary, and Ralph Larson, treasurer. At present there are 43 paid-up members belonging to the Community club.

A number of worthwhile projects have been carried to successful completion, and a number more are planned for the future, each one to be operated with the same intensive loyalty, the same selfless interest, and the same whole-hearted spirit of friendliness that has marked service groups of Ryder in the past.

QUEEN CITY TELEPHONE COMPANY

The late Irvin E. Officer, homesteaded in 1902 and after looking the vicinity over decided that with the starting of such an up and coming town in 1905, he felt the need of a telephone system and set about to organize the Queen City Telephone Company. This set up included Ryder and Plaza in 1905 and 1906. On Oct. 21, 1907 the company was incorporated and received its charter. The first officers were: President, L. S. (Spence) Officer; Vice President, Mary Officer; Sec'y-Treas. and Manager, I. E. Officer.

A Vote Berger Switchboard, bought from a firm in La Crosse, Wisconsin, was installed. The first two operators were Miss C. C. Sagen and Miss C. Peterson.

As the years went on more lines and telephones were added. In 1908 the first country lines out of Ryder were built - 4 miles south and 2 miles west of town and it was at this time G. B. Officer started with the company. In 1909 twenty-one miles of country lines were added to the Plaza community and the town systems of Ross and Makoti were set up.

In 1911 Mr. J. Moser became president of the Board; also a new Kellogg Switchboard was installed. Over a period of years many pioneers were active with the company. Some were: H. E. Johnson, F. J. Schilling, B. A. Dickinson, George Wertzler, C. J. Amundson, Dan Jackson, Henry Snippen, H. J. Lunden, and many others.

The late John A. Miller, father of Rankin, served as president of the board from 1924-1928. Schjold Eide served as line man one year. In 1928 G. B. Officer became manager and continued in that

capacity until June 30, 1954, when the company sold out to the Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Corporation at Parshall.

Some of the telephone operators who have served are: Rose Rosenberg, Mamie Trent, Stella Forde Aaby, Rose Irick, Maude Brassfield, Lenora Ronning, Lenora Gortmaker, Hannah Cronin, Eleanor Officer, Joyce and Janice Knutson, Delores and Priscilla Anderson, Vida and Hilda Alhgran, Lorraine Bradley, Sonja Eide, and Mamie Olson.

The last board of directors were as follows: Ervin Hopkins, President; Julius Mattson, Vice President; Mrs. Alvin Officer, Secretary-Treasurer; Frank Young, Arnold Hill, A. J. Landon and Julius Lunden as board directors.

REMINISCENCES OF PIONEERS DAYS

By Mr. Art Landon

Well my name is Landon, Arthur J. and I was asked to make a little write up of the early days in the Ryder territory. Well I was raised in Webster, S. D. and of course like most other fellows wanted to get out and see the world. And so four of us got the notion of going out west where men and women are glad they are. We finally ended up in Minot in June, 1902.

There was a land boom on and everybody was filing on land, so we run onto a locator and told him we wanted to file on land. He said he knew of some nice land southwest of Minot and he would take us out there.

Art Scofield run the livery barn and Ed Olson was working there. We started out and got as far as Rice Lake when our team played out, so we bunked in the barn that night and started out the next morning. We would have liked to turn around and go back where we came from, as we'd never seen so many hills, but our driver was thinking of the money he would get from us if we filed on land. He said there was a lake out there called Hiddenwood and we could get land near there, so we went back to Minot and filed. In the fall we went back and built our shacks. A homesteader named Shockert hauled our lumber out if we would build his shack for him.

I remember George Morris hauled my stove out. We went back to Webster and the next spring, we fixed up two covered wagons and a junk wagon and struck out for our claims. We were two weeks on the road and had thirteen head of horses. One we had traded for junk before we left and we found out he was balkey. His name was Jerrabauldy, and he wouldn't pull the hat off your head.

I remember Jamestown was the last big town we went through - the towns west were new and small. We turned northwest about halfway between Jamestown and Bismarck and came straight across the country till we came to Wilton. We had intended to camp there overnight, but we stopped in Main street to buy some groceries and saw three fights while we were there

and decided that was too tough a place to hang out so we went on to Washburn, which was a small new town.

Washburn got its name from a man by the name of Washburn. He owned the coal mine at Wilton, and got the Soo built up to his mine, then on to Washburn where it ended.

We landed at our claims around the first of May, and were surprised to see so many claim shacks, as there were none there the fall before. We heard there were a couple of fellows building a store over on the banks of Hiddenwood Lake, so we went over to see, and sure enough there was a couple fellows by name of Wright and Williams building a store. They said they were going to have a postoffice and store. They were expecting a load of groceries from Minot, so we wanted to get something to eat, and pretty soon the load came. I remember we stocked up enough to last us awhile, and then I had the honor of buying the first groceries from the Hiddenwood store.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Wright had big ideas — they had a town site plotted and I believe they sold a lot or two. They decided then a good way to advertise and get acquainted with all the people was to have a picnic, and so the first Hiddenwood picnic was held on the 20th of June in 1903, and it turned out to be a big affair.

Later a couple of girls took over the store and postoffice, by the names of Myrtle and Mina Hunsinger. Ed Fredeen brought the mail out from Minot to old Ryder, and Mina would hitch her horse to the buggy and go after it. They used to have church in the store and everybody would come to church and get their mail at the same time. Sometimes in the afternoon they would have a ballgame. The preacher, a Mr. Evans, was quite a ball player.

Each year the 20th of June was Hiddenwood picnic day and everybody quit their work and went. They finally got together and organized the Hiddenwood Picnic Association. They incorporated for ten thousand dollars and bought the old townsite of the First National Bank. They built a large hall, grandstand, ball park, etc.; applied to the state land department and had it entered as non-taxable public park property. In 1928 it was destroyed by tornado and has not as yet been rebuilt, but we still have the picnic.

A little town was started about eight miles east of here, that was called Centerville for awhile then it was changed to Ryder. I was the second one to deposit money in the Centerville bank. The check was for some flax that I had hauled to Minot. That was where we had to haul our grain at that time.

It was decided they would auction off the lots at new Ryder, on July 19, 1906. I had just bought a nice team of horses, new harness, and wagon and I was quite proud of the outfit and wanted to show it off, so I drove up where the crowd seemed to be gathered. Campbell, the auctioneer stood in my wagon while he sold the town lots.

SCHOOL HISTORY

The Ryder school had its beginning in 1906 in a building then owned by the Presbyterian Church, which is now owned and used by the Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod). Miss Randolph was one of the first teachers.

In 1907 the school district was organized, a board elected and bonds approved for a school building, which was completed in 1908. The first school board was: B. A. Dickinson, George Hart, John S. Johnson, J. H. Billion, and A. C. O. Lomen, Clerk.

In 1917 the addition was built. In 1923 the Lab and Home Ec. building came into usage. This was remodelled into a teachers' residence in 1945 and in 1952 the new gym was built.

In 1915 was the first high school graduation, with five graduates: Edgar Lomen, Mabel Flannery, Ethel Hungate, Jessie Van Sickle, and Orianna Miller.

This school has graduated a great number of young people. Many of whom have made a worth-while contribution to our way of life. Numbers of them have college degrees, several have Doctorates, and some hold very responsible positions in industry, research, sciences and in the Armed Forces. This school holds a very great number of trophies for athletic excellence.

Special mention should be made of those who have devoted many years on the board, or otherwise, for this school: B. A. Dickson, board member; Miss Margaret Campbell, Teacher; C. H. Christansen, Treasurer; A. C. O. Lomen and Edgar Lomen, Martin Dyrstad and S. Eide, Clerks. Blaine Officer, S. Olness, Otto Janz, Herman Mueller, Mrs. H. E. Mielke, and many other board members.

The largest class of graduates numbered twenty-seven. This year's class is seven.

PARK

When the village lots were sold a park fund was established. The amount of the sales price of the lots over the appraised value went in to this fund. A park commission was set up in 1907. In 1908 the commission was relieved of their duties and the village board looked after the park affairs until 1914 when the park district was established with a three man board being elected. A mill levy was set up for the maintenance of the park.

The first elected board members were J. H. Billion one year term, Dr. Hubler three year term, and H. E. Milke two year term. Since then one member is elected each year to a three year term. The following have served on the board since 1914 - L. S. Officer, Geo. Couch, Ed. Fredeen, B. A. Dickinson, Ole Olness, C. H. Christansen, J. H. McDonald, Ben Lindgren, Sigvald Olness, H. J. Eley, Chas. Habeck. The present board - G. C. Haddeland, Ray Olson and S. C. Schellenbaum.

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MR. and MRS. JACOB ENDRESEN

Jacob Endresen was born at Skudesnes, Norway, March 4, 1867. Mrs. Endresen (Tilda Johnson) was born in Chicago, Illinois on December 5, 1872. They were married in Chicago on May 2, 1892.

In 1906, Mr. Endresen filed on a homestead where they always lived until they moved to Plaza. He came in February of 1907 and built the house and the rest of the family, Mrs. Endresen, Edward, John, Clarence, Elmer and Peter, came in May of the same year. In August, 1907, George was the first one of the children to be born in N. Dak. They attended Rose Valley church until 1911, when Zion Lutheran Church was built just 1½ miles east of them.

Mr. Endresen served on the township board and school board for many years. In the early days he played in the band that was organized by Ole Hillesland, and also sang in a choir directed by Mr. Hillesland.

There were five children who died: three girls who died as infants and John who died in 1913 and Wallace who died in 1941. Josie, Wallace and Lawrence were also born here in N. Dak.

GEO. KRUEGER

Geo. Krueger was born in Germany Nov. 7, 1868, came to the U. S. at the age of seventeen to Appleton, Minn. where he worked until he came to Anamoose, N. D. to homestead in 1900. And in 1906 came to Ryder, N. D. where he was in the Implement business for fifteen years, later moving to a farm near Blackwater where he resided until his death Jan. 6, 1934.

In 1892 he was married to Ida Riba of Holloway, Minn. They had eight children; Children now living are: Mrs. C. A. Olsen, Minot, Mrs. Frank Blosky, Minneapolis, Mrs. Alvin Sundahl, Mrs. G. W. Rode, Paris, Ill., Mrs. Geo. Erdman, Golden Valley, N. D., Alfred and Helmuth Krueger, Emmet, N. D.

Mrs. Krueger is still living and is 82 years old and in good health.

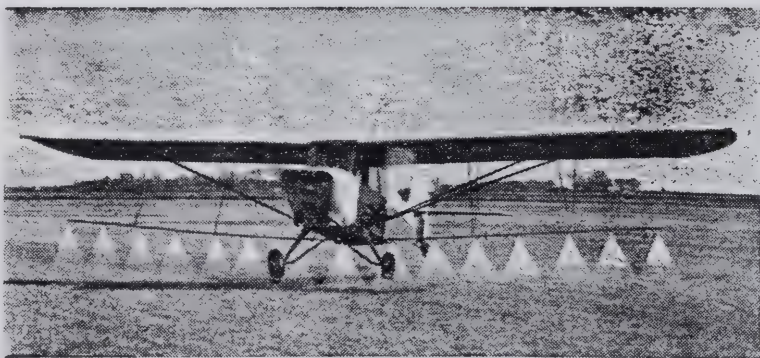
GEORGE J. MORRIS

George Morris was born near Franklin Grove, Ill. June 3, 1867, came to North Dakota in 1902 and settled on a homestead four miles southeast of Ryder where he resided until 1939 when they moved to Minot.

He was married to Mrs. Minnie Grose Jan. 26, 1907. Unto this union six children were born. One child preceded him in death. He passed away July 6, 1943.

Mrs. Morris still makes her home in Garrison. Their children are Charles of Douglas; Clarence of Fessenden; Bessie Kraft of Ryder; May Knutson of Makoti and Rose Krueger of Garrison.

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MR. and MRS. THOMAS HUNGATE

Thomas W. Hungate was born in Nebraska on April 3, 1874, where he spent his boyhood. On December 9, 1894 he was united in marriage to Azyphia Helsinger who was born and raised in Iowa, her birthdate being November 18, 1876. They lived in Nebraska for several years and came to North Dakota in March, 1911. They bought land five miles south west of the present location of Ryder. Mr. Hungate had his land broke by oxen the first year they were on the farm. They lived on this farm until 1923 when they moved to Ryder, due to Mr. Hungate's health. He was a licensed embalmer and also worked in a store with Steve Olson for some time. He passed away in January, 1938. Mrs. Hungate lives at Decorah, Iowa at the present time. To this marriage three children were born: Cecil of New Town, Jessie, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Ethel Erb of Decorah, Iowa.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE WERTZLER

Mrs. Wertzler was born at Hickson, N. Dak. on June 18, 1880 and came to Ryder in 1906. Mr. Wertzler was born in Steele Co., Minn. and came to Kramer, N. Dak. in 1905. He left there in September 1906 and located at Max, N. Dak. He left Max in March 1907 and settled in Ryder and made his home there until 1943, when the family left for Seattle, Washington to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wertzler were married at Fargo May 18th, 1910 and four children were born to this union namely: Alice and Ellsworth who were born on February 15, 1911. It is believed they were the first twins born in Ryder: Ralph was born on November 25, 1912. and George was born on July 20, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. Wertzler celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 1935, and Mrs. Wertzler passed away in the Trinity Hospital at Minot May 5th, 1936.

George, Jr. was lost on a B 24 Bomber on February 13, 1944 on a bombing mission from Australia to Borneo (a son of Chas. Gad of Minot was navigator on this plane) nothing was ever heard of any of the ten men or the plane. Ralph was Supt. of maintenance for the Arctic Contractors at Point Barrow, Alaska on that Government oil project for four years where he ruined his health and passed away in Seattle the 5th of May in 1953. Alice lives in Seattle and Ellsworth works for the Washington Paper Co. a wholesale paper house. He put in over five years in the army, over three years of it in Europe, went through six battles, one of them the Bulge without getting hurt. Then after the fighting was over he was driving a new lend lease truck from Paris to Antwerp, when the tie rod came down, the truck hit a tree and left the road almost killing him. He has been under medical care most of the time since.

Mrs. Wertzler and all the children were members of the Lutheran church at Ryder. All the children, but Ralph, graduated from Ryder High School. Ralph graduated from Makoti High School.

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MR. and MRS. HANS G. RONNING

Ingeborg Hjelmstad was born March 15, 1881 in Goodhue County, Minnesota. She migrated west and took up a homestead claim in Ward county, Ryder Township, while still a young, single woman. In November 1907 she married Hans G. Ronning who also had homesteaded in the new territory, the marriage taking place at Holmes, N. Dak., former home of Ingeborg.

Mr. Ronning was born in Norway May 23, 1876 and came to America as a young man in 1899.

To this union four children were born: Gerhard, residing in Fargo and is employed by the Fargo Packing Co., Lenora (Mrs. Charles H. Conaway), who also lives in Fargo and is employed by the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of North Dakota, Hildred (Mrs. Alvin Nelson), with her husband operates the Oak Grove Grocery in Fargo and Rudolf, employed by the State Farm Mutuals Insurance Co. at Bismarck.

Mr. Ronning died at an early age in 1919 and Mrs. Ronning passed away May 1, 1956.

MR. and MRS. TORGER KOLDEN

Torger J. Kolden was born March 12, 1885 in Lom, Norway. At the age of fourteen he came to the United States with his parents in 1899. They settled at Cyrus, Minnesota until the year 1904. On their journey to America they traveled for twelve days on the ship named the Majestic which was on the White Star Line. Most of the people on board this ship were very seasick. In the year 1904, Torger with his parents, moved to Roseglen township where they homesteaded. In the year 1912, Torger married Ragna Synsness. Ragna also came from Norway. She was accompanied to America by Mrs. Emma Fines and Mrs. Ole Daleness. To the Torger Kolden family were born six children: Glenn of Roseglen, Edna of Havre, Montana, Agnes of Minot, Harriet of Garrison, Melvin of Makoti, and Elmer of Roseglen. Mr. Kolden passed away May 17, 1952 and Mrs. Kolden passed away May 4, 1955.

CARL P. KNUTSON

Carl P. Knutson was born at Hixton, Wisconsin on March 31, 1869, and died at Mandan, N. Dak., in May, 1925. Mrs. Carl P. Knutson was born at Milan, Minn., on August 24, 1873 and died at her home west of Ryder in Jan., 1933. They were united in marriage in 1902 at Hillsboro, N. Dak. They came to Ryder in 1906, and bought out a homesteader west of Ryder, where they lived until their deaths. They are both laid to rest in the Hope Lutheran Cemetery at Makoti. Born to this union were five children; Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mrs. Arthur Oberg and Harold Knutson all of Ryder, and Clarence Knutson of 932 Liberty St., La Cross, Wisconsin and Orin Knutson, Cut Bank, Montana. Charley Knutson, now residing in Ryder is a brother of Carl P. Knutson.

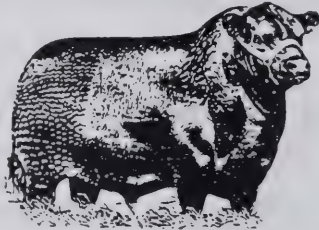
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MR. and MRS. OLE ANDERSON

Ole Anderson was born in Norway; came to Minnesota at the age of three, where he grew up and married Minnie Holt. In October 1902, Mr. Anderson together with Albert Holt, a brother-in-law, and John Amundson, came from Minot with two shacks loaded on a wagon. They left Minot early in the morning; arriving at the Abe Aldrich home site that evening, where they stayed over night, and the next morning continued on to their claimsites. Mr. Anderson tells of an incident that they didn't have any breechings on their harnesses and coming down steep hills they had to just "let her fly", as they couldn't hold the team back.

Having heard of the danger of prairie fires they laid lumber in a circle and burned the grass where the shacks were to stand.

In 1903 Mr. Anderson came and established his home, bringing one team of horses and two cows. In June of that year Mrs. Anderson, with her small daughter Agnes, arrived in Minot where Mr. Anderson met them, bringing them on to the homestead.

Their nearest store was run by Oscar Gilbertson.

Mrs. Anderson tells how she baked bread and sold it to many bachelor homesteaders. Some who bought bread from her were Chas. Inches, Carl Anderson, Frank Sunderlane, Geo. Hazleth, Alex Barfoot, Bill Duede, Gust Meyers, and Hugh Casley.

After the A. C. O. Lomens, who lived on the quarter of land north of Andersons moved away, Ole added this to his land, too.

Mr. Anderson served many years as township treasurer, and also held several school offices.

Now the Andersons have retired and are making their home in Ryder. Mr. Anderson, past 80, still makes his trips out to his farm.

The Andersons are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

The seven children born to this marriage are: Agnes Reiss, Winona, Minnesota, Edna Goldsmith, Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Clara Chrisinger, Rockford, Illinois, Irene Brenski, California, Henry of Maxbass, and Clarence of Jamestown. Orville passed away many years ago.

MRS. ANNA BIENCK HANSEN

Mrs. Hansen lived in Ryder from 1906 until 1910. She then moved to Plaza. While in Ryder she cared for Dr. Hubler who was three years old when she came.

She now lives in a Minot Rest Home. She will be 92 years old in September, but still enjoys visiting with people.

GEORGE GUDMUNSON

The George Gudmunson family moved here from Minnesota in the fall of 1904. Their oldest son Orlien was the first child born here and the township was named after him. They live in Makoti.

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MR. and MRS. OLE TROITE

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Troite (Karen Reppe) were married in Norway in 1891. A year later they, with their small son, came to America settling at Holms, N. Dak. In the spring of 1904 Ole came to this territory to file on his homestead. He went back for his family the same spring, shipping his few belongings to Minot. They drove out from Minot with team and wagon; the two older boys, ages 9 and 12, walking every step, driving the cattle behind the wagon. Their first barn was built of sod, and he hauled lumber from Minot for their first house. On one of these trips to Minot he met Ingeborg Hjelmstad (Mrs. I. Ronning) who came from Holmes, N. Dak. to homestead. She rode out with them on a load of lumber. They visited for a while, but she soon became tired, so made herself a bed on the lumber and laid down. After a while Ole looked back and saw she was sound sleep. He began to worry that she might roll off as he drove over the rough ground, so he stopped his team; took the halter ropes off and tied her on the load of lumber.

The Troites bought their first car (a Ford in 1915). This was the first car in the neighborhood.

He rented his farm a few years, then sold it to Oscar Larson in the fall of 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Troite have their home in Ryder where they have lived except for short intervals when they have stayed with a son Peter and his wife of Minneapolis.

Mrs. Troite is a semi invalid, as a result of a hip injury; she is past 90, but still does very fine work in crocheting. Mr. Troite is 83 and still active.

They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

HANS and JULIA LUNDEN

Hans J. Lunden was born in Lom Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, March 12, 1880, the sixth child of Julia and Johannes Lunden. When 7 years of age he came with the family to Blue Mounds, Wisconsin where they lived for 4 years. They moved to Cyrus, Minnesota, in 1891. In 1906 they came to North Dakota, where he homesteaded near Roseglen. On December 12, 1909 he was united in marriage with Julia Gilbertson by Reverend Andrew Fimmerland. Julia Gilbertson was born February 9, 1887 at Rothsay, Minnesota. She came to Roseglen in 1904 with her parents, the Thomas Gilbertsons. Three children were born to this union, a son, Clarence, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Mildred, now Mrs. Edward Vasichuk, who lives in St. Paul, and Gladys, Mrs. Alan Van Vleet, of Bismarck, where she is employed in The Bank of North Dakota. Mr. Lunden passed away Sept. 14, 1936 and Mrs. Lunden passed away Sept., 1955.

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ALICE GILBERTSON GRANUM (MRS. ARNE)

Mrs. Granum was born at Rothsay, Minnesota, on March 10, 1890. She came with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilbertson to Enderlin, N. Dak., in 1899 where they lived until moving to the Roseglen and Ryder area in 1904 where her parents filed on a quarter of land and where she remained until her marriage to Mr. Granum on January 8, 1908, who was also a homesteader in that community.

They moved to Ryder in the fall of the same year where Mr. Granum was mail carrier between Ryder and Roseglen for several years. Later they operated a gas station, later a cafe, which later was remodeled for a cream station and grocery. They moved to Fort Peck, Montana, about 1937 where Mrs. Granum had a cafe during the time of the project. Later she returned to Minot where she left house for her sister, Mrs. Julia Lunden, and cared for her mother part time for a couple of years. She went west again to Bremerton, Washington, and later settled in Seattle where she had a small nursing home where she cared for aged ladies until about two years before her death. They had seven children: Myrtle (Mrs. Glenn Lunden) of Phoenix, Arizona; Tilmer and Morris of Oakland, California; Clarence of Portland, Oregon, Arthur (Bud) of Sacramento, California, Ruth Normann of Seattle, Washington, and Westlie in Texas.

She passed away January 13, 1955.

THOMAS J. GILBERTSON

Thomas Gilbertson was born in Hadeland, Norway, on September 28, 1853. At the age of 18 he emigrated to the U. S. and worked in Iowa and Wisconsin for a few years. On July 5, 1881 he was united in marriage to Mary Nordengen, at Barnesville, Minnesota. She was born November 5, 1863 in Hadeland, Norway. She came to Otter Tail County, Minnesota, when 18 years of age. They lived at Barnesville, Minn. for a few years after their marriage and then moved to Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, and later to Rothsay, Minnesota. They then moved to Enderlin in 1899 where he farmed. In 1904 he homesteaded 15 miles southwest of Ryder on the farm which was later owned by Ole Lunden. In 1914 he moved with his family to Ryder and resided there until his death. He was the Roseglen mail carrier from 1911 to 1926. They had 14 children.

He passed away September 27, 1928.

MR. and MRS. ANDREW JOHNSON

Andrew Johnson was born in Norway and homesteaded in 1905. Leah Johnson was born in Quebec, Canada and homesteaded in 1912. A son Burton E. Whittaker lives at Miami, Fla. 4231-1st Street N. W.; A daughter, Mrs. Clifford Hill lives at Minot.

The Johnsons attended Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church.

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MR. and MRS. T. O. SENNESS

The Senness family settled on their homestead 2 miles north of what is now Makoti, moving here from Crystal, N. Dak. in 1905. Mrs. Senness was instrumental in organizing the first school. Their first post office was Minot, then Bye, Ryder, and later Makoti. Their three sons served overseas in World War I. Ted, Gladwyn, and Sande live in Los Angeles, Calif., Myrtle in Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Selma Aamot lives in Makoti. Mr. Senness passed away in 1926 and Mrs. Senness in 1935.

MR. and MRS. ANTON E. STENE

Anton Stene was born June 20, 1868 in Norway. He came to the United States in 1889. He resided in Grand Forks Co., N. Dak. until after his marriage on November 11, 1894 to Annie Marie Kleven, born Oct. 2, 1873, also in Norway. She arrived in the United States in 1890. They both returned to Norway where they lived until 1904, when they again returned to the United States. While in Norway three daughters were born to them, Anna, (Mrs. Elser) Garrison, N. Dak., Julia, (Mrs. Peter Farstad) Ryder, N. Dak. and Eline, (Mrs. Clifford Erb) Minot, N. Dak. They again resided in Grand Forks Co., N. Dak. where Borghild, (Mrs. Sorenson) was born.

They moved to Ryder, N. Dak. on the O. J. Bye farm three miles northwest of Ryder in 1907, where Alpha, who passed away June 17, 1927, Lillie, (Mrs. Levon Hendrickson), Thief River Falls, Minn., Ethel (Mrs. Harold Sorenson) Minot, N. Dak. and Arthur Stene, Big Bend, N. Dak. all were born.

Mr. Stene farmed until he moved into Ryder in 1918 where he worked on the railroad for some time. He also was janitor of Ryder School and St. John's Lutheran Church, which they were also members of.

On June 20, 1908 a disaster took place when a tornado struck the Stene home rolling it over several times with the family of seven in it. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Mrs. Stene passed away October 12, 1921, and Mr. Stene ten years later on February 19, 1931.

MR. and MRS. PEDER REMME

Mr. and Mrs. Remme were both born in Norway and first came to Petersburg, N. Dak. to work. They were married in 1911 and came to live at their present farm home, which at that time was owned by Mr. Remme's cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Remme had four daughters: Mrs. Lloyd Larson (Myrtle) who at present resides at the Remmes farm home caring for Mrs. Remme who has been bedridden for 2 years. Mrs. Lyle Betteridge (Clara) Melrose Park, Ill. Box 323; Mrs. Freddie Ahlgren (Irene) Parshall, N. Dak., Mrs. Edwin Schmitt (Alma) 1250 Draper St., Kingsburg, California.

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MR. and MRS. OLE T. SEMMEN

Ole T. Semmen was born near Whalan, Fillmore County, Minn. March 21, 1860 and grew up there. His wife Anna Bergetha Semmen was born near Stavanger, Norway Jan. 17, 1878. She came to the United States in 1895. They were united in marriage Dec. 23, 1897 near Whalan, Minn.

They had nine children, seven boys and two girls. One son died in infancy. The eight living are: Mrs. Selma Bergum, Arnold Semmen and Oscar Semmen living in Rice Lake Township, near Ryder. John Semmen of Cameron and Clarence Semmen of Spring Lake Township near Ryder and Mrs. Alma Fox, Rueben Semmen and Carl Semmen living in Minot, N. Dak.

Ole T. Semmen came to N. Dak. and homesteaded in Rice Lake Township in 1906, and the family came from Whalan, Minn. and settled on the homestead on June 6, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Semmen resided on their homestead until they passed on. Mr. Semmen passed away Jan. 1, 1947 and his wife Anna passed away Feb. 18, 1947, six weeks later.

Mr. Semmen served on the school board for many years.

MR. and MRS. CHARLES INCHES

Charles M. Inches was born May 15, 1880 near Dunder, Scotland and came to U.S.A. in 1899 landing at Escanaba, Michigan in the fall of that year and worked for the Chicago Great Western Railway Co. Repair Shop. He spent some time in the Twin Cities before coming to North Dakota in the summer of 1901 where he worked on farms until 1907 when he moved to his homestead near Ryder and farmed until 1912.

On June 30, 1909 he married Olive M. Fergerson. They spent some time in Florida and in the fall of 1916 they came back to Ryder. He sold his farm in 1917 and in 1918 he worked for Geo. Kruger then for Henry Snippen and in the winter of 1919 he worked in the Elevator for Moffett of the A & M Comp. In 1929 he took over the Farmers Union Oil job, and continued with this until 1941. For the next 4 years he worked for the Socony Vacuum Co. In 1917 he built his home in Ryder where they lived until the summer of 1946 when they sold out and spent a year in Florida, returning to Woodworth in the spring and again bought a home and service station.

Mrs. Inches passed away Sept. 8, 1954.

Mr. Inches still lives at Woodworth and operates the service station.

The children still living are: Edna Rau, Foley, Minn.; Alice Reum, Plaza, N. Dak.; John of Minot, N. Dak.; Mary of Bismarck, N. Dak.; Edwin of Florida.

J. A. AAMOT

The J. A. Aamot family came here from Minnesota the spring of 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Aamot passed away in 1926. A son Elvin lives in Makoti and a son Wayne, on a farm out of Makoti.

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MR. and MRS. PAUL KOLDEN

Paul Kolden was born in Lom. Gudbrandsdalen, Norway on Oct. 25, 1873. At the age of 15 he came to Wisconsin from there he moved to Cyrus, Minn. first working as a farmhand and later purchasing 80 acres of land on which he built up a fine set of buildings.

In 1904 when Roseglen part of the reservation was open for homesteading he took up a homestead in that area. In 1906 he went back to Minn. and on March 14, 1906 at Glenwood, Pope Co., Minn. he was united in marriage to Caroline Raaum. Soon after their marriage he brought his bride back to Roseglen. To this union eight children were born. Mrs. Arnold Johnson, (Jennie) Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. James Drever, (Valborg) Roseglen; Mrs. Myrtle Jorgenson, Ryder; Victor, Hawthorne, Calif.; John, Leonard and Richard of Roseglen. A son Albert died in 1942.

Mrs. Kolden died on Oct. 4, 1925.

Mr. Kolden was a prosperous farmer and became known as a leading dairyman of the county for his herd of holstein cattle were among the best in the county. In 1916 the new house was built. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church where he served as janitor for many years. He was constable, treasurer of the school board and on the election board for many years holding that position until his health became so poorly he asked to be excused. He was in poor health for a year or more and in Feb., 1953, he was taken to the Garrison Hospital where he remained a patient until his death on June 13, 1953 at the age of 79. He was the last of the four brothers.

MR. and MRS. HENRY GORTMAKER

Henry Gortmaker was born near Ackley, Iowa, July 10, 1876. He took up a homestead at Hiddenwood, N. D. in 1903. Here he was a farmer and thrasher. He moved to Ryder about 1925 and died at Parker, S. Dak. Aug. 3, 1952.

Lena Bruse Gortmaker was born near Dumont, Iowa, Aug. 5, 1886. She was married and went to Hiddenwood in 1910. She is now living in Parker, S. Dak.

To this union were born the following children: Leora Wicklander, who was born at Hiddenwood in 1911. She is now living in Washburn; Vernon who was born at Hiddenwood in 1916. He is now living in Parker, S. Dak.; Wilma who was born at Hiddenwood in 1922. She is now living at Parker, S. Dak.; Arnold was born in Ryder in 1929. He died in 1937.

GEORGE NELSON

George Nelson family came in the fall of 1904. The parents are deceased, but a daughter Mrs. Hannah Thompson lives in Makoti.

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MR. and MRS. OSCAR OIEN

The Oiens, who settled in the Roseglen community, are still living on their 160 acre farm. Clara Haugen was born at Leaf Mountain, Minn., in 1885 and lived there until about 19 years of age. She lived and worked at Hampden and Crary, N. Dak. until, when in 1908, she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Haugen (Christine) came to Garrison by rail. The last leg of the trip was made with John Snippen by horses and sled in bitter cold weather.

Oscar was born near Waseca, Minn., in 1878. In 1909 he came to the Roseglen community, where he worked for John and Henry Snippen. In 1916, he timidly asked Clara to go to Washburn with him. It was there they were married, and have lived on their present farm since 1919.

Mrs. Oien relates to us an experience she well remembers. Ludwig Hanson, an uncle of the late John Pederson, had bought a car and asked some young girls to go for a joy ride. They drove to Ryder and on the way home, had to drive through a slough of water; right in the middle the car stopped. There they sat until Lars Kolden came along in a wagon and rescued the girls, while Ludwig remained until the wires dried out and the car started again. Mr. Oien is a brother to Mrs. Leo Snippen also of Roseglen.

MR. and MRS. ED PAUL

Kathryn McGermott was born at Trotsky, Minnesota February 12, 1884. Mr. Paul was born April 6, 1866 at Wasioga, Minnesota and spent several years of his early life in Minnesota. They were married at Bemidji, Minn., on Sept. 12, 1906 and moved to Ryder that same year.

Mr. Paul was the first barber in Ryder, and came there in 1906. Steve Olson was in Minot for a load of groceries and by chance met up with Mr. Paul. It was decided Mr. Paul ride out to Old Ryder with Mr. Olson on a load of lumber. After looking the situation over he decided he would like to start a barber shop. A few days later Stephen made another trip to Minot and this time hauled out a barber chair for Mr. Paul. This was put up in a corner of Steve Olsons store. When Old Ryder was moved to the present site, Mr. Paul had his own building and continued in that work.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul namely: Kathryn now Mrs. Albert Wegner of Pittsburg, California, and Gaylord of Grand Forks. Mrs. Paul passed away at Ryder on January 24, 1911.

In the year 1914, Mr. Paul remarried to Miss Bertha Trueblood. From this marriage five children were born; Macey of St. Paul, Dale and Carmen who live in Hot Springs, S. Dak., Brayton of Baltimore and Laura who resides in Baltimore with her mother.

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CHARLES A. KNORR

Mr. Knorr was born in Germany, came to Iowa when two years old, lived on a farm until 1907, then he homesteaded nine miles south of Ryder. He had a jewelry store in Ryder; then bought a pool hall in Makoti and did watch repairing there for awhile, but moved back to Ryder and lived there until he and his family moved to Eugene, Oregon in October, 1928.

Pearl Martensen, born in Johnson County, Missouri, moved to North Dakota in 1903 when she was 9 years old. She lived on the homestead 13 miles south of Ryder, with her parents, her brothers Joe and Anton. On Sept. 2, 1914 she was married to Charles Knorr and went to Makoti as a bride. Anton and Lester were born there; Susie was born in Ryder; Clarence in Oregon. Lester was killed in a plane crash in England, Nov., 1946 in World War II. Carsten M. Martensen (Pearl's father) was born in Denmark in 1850 and died in July, 1928 in Oregon. Her mother, Katie, passed on later.

Mrs. Knorr tells about the big blizzard Sept. 12, 1903, the first year they were on the homestead living in a tent. Her father was east of Minot threshing, leaving the mother and children alone. The snow was blowing and piling up on the tent. She turned the pony and cow loose, took bedding, some bread and butter to the barn and the last trip she made the tent went down and they stayed in the barn over 24 hours. She also tells of the terrible prairie fire that swept the community when William Flynn was badly burned. His horse had been burned and was brought to the Knorr farm to be cared for.

This short incomplete history was related to us by Mrs. Knorr in spite of her blindness. She resides at 2435 City View, Eugene, Oregon.

MR. and MRS. LESTER SEVERANCE

Mr. Severance came to Garrison April 19, 1906. When he arrived he brought four very good horses so he got a job hauling supplies for a contractor of Minneapolis, to all their work camps from Garrison to Plaza. Mr. Severance was at Ryder, the day the lots were sold (July 19, 1906), also the day the first train was in Ryder.

The first church they attended was held in a machine shop. Rev. Graham, also a homesteader, was the first minister. Mr. and Mrs. Severance were married February 4, 1901 at Flandreau, S. Dak. Mrs. Severance passed away October 30, 1954. Mr. Severance still lives on his farm northeast of Ryder. The children born to this marriage are: Gladys Lee, 3317 - 2nd Ave. N., Billings, Mont., Mrs. Donald Majeres, (Sadie) Garrison, N. Dak., Harley Severance, 112 E. Winnequah Road, Madison, Wisconsin, Mrs. Roland (Charolette) Peffer 3748 - Howard Ave., White Bear Lake 10, Minn., Walter Severance 1272 - California Ave., Akron, Ohio, Curtis Severance, 283-Parkview Ave., Wadsworth, Ohio, and Raymond of Ryder.

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MR. and MRS. WILLIAM J. FLYNN

Hannah Nelson was born Sept. 29, 1880 near Farmington, Minn., and immigrated to Nelson County, N. Dak., with her parents in the spring of 1882. She came to the Ryder vicinity the fall of 1902 for the purpose of filing on a homestead, and did locate one and a half miles west of what was called Flynn's Ranch.

In the spring of 1903, she came to have her claim shack built and took up a short residence, also that same fall she spent a few weeks on her homestead. In the spring of 1904, she again came back to take up residence long enough to "prove up". She tells of how long the summer seemed; she loved to roam the prairies and meet new neighbors but many times had to turn back home again as the herds of ranch cattle did not seem to like the new settlers. In December 1904, she proved up on her homestead, and went back to Nelson County with plans to come back in the spring to help prove up on another homestead.

On April 12, 1905, William J. Flynn and Hannah were to be married, but on April 7, he was severely burned in a prairie fire that raged in that community. Transportation was poor in those days and he was taken by horses and Soo train to Bismarck, where he did not arrive until the following day. He was taken to St. Alexius Hospital where he remained for several weeks. On June 21, they were married in Bismarck and in a few days came back to McLean county where the old home still remains. To this union four children were born: Merritt, 1438-11th St. N., Fargo; Rosetta Hamilton, Box 1317, Lubbock, Texas; Willard, Box 572, Minot; Lester, 1320-11th St., Bismarck. They received their religious training in the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church near their old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn lived on their farm until the fall of 1941, when they went to Redondo Beach, California but returned the following spring and located in Minot. On November 13, 1949 Mr. Flynn passed away and she has continued living at 912 - 3rd St. S. W., Minot.

PETER BERGESON

Mr. Bergeson was born March 31, 1873 in Iowa and moved to S. Dak. He filed on a homestead in 1902, five miles north and four and a half miles west of Ryder. He moved on his claim in 1903, which took 11 days to drive with horses from Lake Preston, S. Dak., to Minot. He built a sod house that first summer and lived in it for seven years. He relates he served Ladies Aid in the sod house and attended Lutheran church in a schoolhouse. He built his house in 1910 and married Carrie Olson of Lake Preston, S. Dak., in 1912. He did a lot of threshing besides farming — also run the "big eight".

Their children are: Gladys Peterson, Lyle, and Melvyn all of Makoti; Marion Anderson of Minot; Mildred Peterson of Ryder.

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Pioneer days and homesteading were quite interesting to Matilda Lundahl, who was born near Dodge Center, Minnesota and came with her parents and brothers and sisters to the Fargo, N. Dak. area, where she grew up. Miss Lundahl later filed on a homestead four miles northwest of Ryder in the southwest corner of what is now Anna township.

At that time the wilderness of the big open spaces had been somewhat changed by the herds of the earlier cattle men. Wild life consisted of coyotes and flickertail gophers. Mink and muskrat inhabited the water sloughs where black-birds and ducks built their nests among tall rushes and hollow stem grass.

The swainston hawk, snowy owl and small ground owl were there, as were the prairie hen and grouse. In springtime the wild ducks and geese, upland plover, mud hens and other small water birds returned. The meadow lark arrived early and later the bob-o-link with his cherry song.

The wild rose, anemone, crocus, tiny blue and yellow violets, alternated with buffalo grsas, sweet grass, prairie needles, a small low cactur, buckbrush, the shoe string shrub and in low ground the tiger lily, made their appearance from spring to fall. A few wild strawberries were found but the early pioneers depended on wild plums, choke cherries, wild grapes and buffalo berries, gathered in the Mouse and Missouri river thickets.

Transportation between Minot and the Ryder territory was by teams of horses, wagon and buggy. The first mail was carried by Ed Fredeen to the Bye and other post offices in nearby territory. Some of the early settlers in the neighborhood were O. J. and Ida Bye, who operated the store and post office. The Broze brothers, the Peter Bensons, J. P. Jensons, Hans Jensons, the Tighs, Lars Larsons, and others.

MR. and MRS. BERT JOHNSON

Bert Johnson was born at Gjovgs, Norway on October 22, 1876. He came to America with his parents and was raised at Hoffman, Minn.

Christina Johnson was born at Towner, N. Dak., on March 31, 1888. Bert Johnson filed on a $\frac{1}{4}$ section south of Ryder in 1905, and later buying another quarter. In 1910, he was married to Christina Johnson of Bantry, N. Dak.

They raised a family of eight children and lived on the homestead until his death in 1949. His wife and one son are still making their home there. The children are: Melvin of Garrison, Larry of Roseglen, Wesley of Denbigh, Eleanor Black of Los Angeles, Calif., Lorraine Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif., Alice Hown of Seattle, and Delbert at home.

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AUSTIN ROMSAAS

Austin Romsaas filed on the homestead in 1903 and moved here with his family May 17, in 1904. He brought his stock and other belongings out from Minot. The homestead shack was 10 by 10.

The children are: Peter Romsaas, a son, who homesteaded in 1904; he also run the Jeaneatte post office and store for 4 years. He is deceased and his wife Hannah lives at Fargo - 1529 S. 3rd St. Ellen Rustad, a daughter is at Foston, Minnesota. Hanna Flynn - is of B. C., Canada. Syver, lives on the old homestead. He was married December 1, 1919 to Olga Gustafson. He has served on the school board several years. The Syver Romsaas's have three children; Dale of Williston, Laura Hanchet of San Fernando, Calif., and Earl of Bismarck, N. Dak. Marie Hacason of Ryder, Bertha Hart of Del Ha, Ontario, Mrs. Annie Kinney, Spokane, Washington.

The Romsaas school district was named after Austin. Mr. Romsaas passed away August 7, 1915. Mrs. Romsaas passed away August, 1934.

MR. and MRS. IVER BRANDVOLD

Iver Brandvold was born in Gudbrandsdahl, Norway on December 31, 1864. He came to Starbuck, Minnesota in 1887 and came to N. Dak., and settled in Ward county. In August, 1908, he married Berthea Carlson. To this union were born five children: Julius and Peter of Ryder, Clara who is a teacher near Minot, Anna now Mrs. Elmo Sollid of Minot, and John of Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Brandvold passed away in 1938, after having suffered a stroke, at the age of 73. Mrs. Brandvold was born in Moe, Norway on July 31, 1874. At the present she is living on the home place with her son Peter Brandvold.

MR. and MRS. SEVER SHERVHEIM

Mr. Sever Shervheim was born Dec. 21, 1875 at Vassestranden, Norway and came to U. S. in 1892. He settled in Iowa near Decorah where he and Ingeborg Arneson were married in 1906. She was born March 18, 1884 at Highlandville, Iowa. They filed on a homestead in Hiddenwood Township in Nov., 1906. They moved to Ryder in October, 1907. Mr. Shervhiem worked as a carpenter in Ryder and was active in the St. John's Lutheran Church.

There were four children born in Ryder: Gene, who lives at 48-N. Hunt Dr. E., Mesa, Arizona; Bernice Hanson who lives at Anaheim, California; Valborg Stock who lives at Appleton, Wisconsin; Sigrid Thorson who lives at Minot, N. Dak.

The family moved to Minot in October, 1929 where Mr. Shervheim continued carpentry. He passed away July 20, 1952 after suffering a heart attack. Mrs. Shervheim continues to live at 637 Lake Street, Minot, N. Dak.

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MR. and MRS. JOHN PEDERSON

John Pederson was born near Oslo, Norway, February 27, 1881 and came to the United States at the age of 11 years, with his mother and lived at Clitherall, Minn., for some years. He came to Roseglen where he homesteaded in 1902 and batched for many years. On January 22, 1913 at Washburn, he was married to Mabel Gilbertson, who was born April 7, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gilbertson. Their first home which John built himself was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1916. Mabel and two sons, Earl, 3 years, and Lloyd, 2 years, stayed for a while with the Hans Lunden family (Mabel's sister, Julia). A temporary shack was built and they lived in that until fall, when the present house on the Pederson farm was built by John's cousins, Andrew and Haukon Anderson.

John was one of the first pioneers to own an Ottman-Taylor tractor. The children are: Earl, on the home farm; Lloyd lives on what is remembered as the Spurgeon place in Gate township; and Bernice Snyder of Santa Rosa, California. Their father, John, passed away October 3, 1953 and Mrs. Pederson lives at 800 - 10th Ave. N.W., Minot.

MR. and MRS. ROBERT SLOCUM

Robert R. Slocum was born at Blackwater, Missouri, on July 24, 1875. Mrs. Mary Belle Slocum was born at Coryell, Texas on Feb. 10, 1879. They were married December 8, 1897 at Nelson, Missouri and came to N. Dak. in 1902, where they homesteaded in the Hiddenwood Community.

Mr. Slocum often drove to Minot with horses to get groceries for the Hiddenwood store. They moved to four and a half miles east of Ryder and there made their home for 22 years. From 1929 to 1933 Mr. Slocum had the Star mail route from Ryder to Roseglen. They had to leave the farm due to poor health. They then moved to Beloit, Wisconsin where they lived with a daughter Zannetta and husband. They returned to N. Dak., for a visit in the spring 1945, then Mr. Slocum became ill and spent 18 days in the hospital at Minot where he passed away August 2, 1945. Mrs. Slocum passed away May 13, 1949 at Beloit, Wisconsin. They are both at rest in the Presbyterian Cemetery at Ryder. There are seven children all of whom are still living: Bauldridge of Whitefish, Mont., William of Rockford, Illinois, Ellen McGourty of Jamieson, Oregon, Zannetta Severance of Beloit, Wisconsin, Ruby Hicks of Brodhead, Wisconsin, Adella Rostad of Minot, N. Dak., and Fern Kolden of New Town, N. Dak.

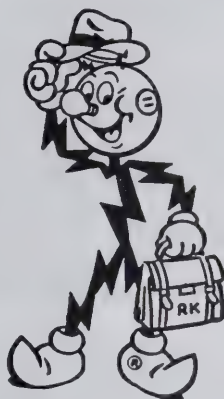
HANS JENSON

The Hans Jenson family moved here from Minnesota in the fall of 1904. The parents are deceased but a son, J. B. and a daughter Margaret live on farm.

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Eliv Kvale homesteaded in 1903 in Roseglen Township. He was married in Norway to Anne Tessand (born Dec. 5, 1881 in Vaage, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway). One son Erling, now of Turtle Lake, was born in Norway Nov. 20, 1902. Anne and son came to the U. S. in June, 1907. Another son Carl, now of Parshall was born Sept. 1, 1909. Eliv passed on in Bismarck.

Anne Kvale was married again. This time to Lloyd Austad, who was born August 14, 1881 in Sheldon, N. Dak. homesteaded in Gate Township in 1902. He married Anne, March 24, 1915 and two children were born to this union: Lillian Thorseth of Epping and Edward of Roseglen. The Austads still make their home on the farm.

MR. and MRS. JOHN JONES

Mr. Jones was born in Greenup, Illinois on September 7, 1883. Mr. Jones homesteaded six miles southwest of Ryder in 1906, and farmed in that community for 30 years. During his first years here, Garrison was his nearest town; however, he did most of his trading in Minot, and to make the Minot trip it took three days. With team and wagon, he drove the 45 miles over in one day; the second day he would shop, and load machinery, feed, food, and supplies, then drive out to the 12 mile house, and put up for the night.

"The 12 Mile House" was a large sod house run by George Nixon. It was one large room where there were no beds, but as many as 40 people would spend the night at one time sleeping side by side on the bare floor, each furnishing his own blankets. The third day he would continue his journey home. There were no roads at that time, so he would head down the trail, which did not follow the section line, but ran diagonally in a most direct route between Minot and Ryder.

The Ryder townsite was sold July 19th, most of which was a flax field at the time, and Mr. Jones was there when the sale took place. The Soo Line was built through in the fall. The children's names are as follows: Wayne and Helen Morris of Ryder, Ethiel, Leo, and John E. Jr. all of California.

MR. and MRS. FRED BUSSMAN

Mr. Bussman was born July 15, 1880 in Minnesota. He came to Blue Hill in 1906 and was united in marriage to Elizabeth Baumgartner of Winona, Minnesota in 1910. They lived on their farm until 1942 when they sold their farm and moved to Ryder. The eight children are Richard, Mrs. Ray Bofenkamp, and Mrs. Arnold Carlson of Ryder, Mrs. Arthur Ness and Mrs. Josephine Thompson of Washburn; Lucille and Ralph of Underwood, and Blythe at Mott, N. Dak. Mr. Bussman passed away in 1952. Mrs. Bussman makes her home in Ryder.

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A. C. O. LOMEN

A. C. O. Lomen was one of the pioneer business men of Ryder, having established a hardware store at "Old Ryder", later moving to Ryder shortly after the big lot sale, and continuing in business for several years. During that time he was elected justice of the peace for the new village, and was also clerk of the school board. After quitting the hardware business he was appointed hail inspector for the state and was highly commended for his work. President Taft nominated him as postmaster at Ryder but the democratic congress held up the appointment until President Wilson took office, and Mrs. C. J. Holm received the appointment. Mr. Lomen passed away in Los Angeles Oct. 15, 1933.

Most of Mr. Lomen's family followed him to Ryder. Mrs. Lomen was active in church work as well as in W.C.T.U. She passed away in Los Angeles April 10, 1925. Their eldest son, Otto, was connected with the Ryder News in the early years and moved to Los Angeles in March, 1920, and now resides at 2115 Addison Way, Los Angeles. Edgar was one of the first graduates of the Ryder school; married Edna Lindquist June 2, 1919. Their son, Lynn Dana, was born March 21, 1927. They moved to California in Oct. ,1931. Lynn graduated from Occidental College and was married to Marcia Babcock in 1950. They now have two children and reside at Reseda, Calif. Lynn teaches in the high school there.

Clarinda attended school in Ryder and was married to Fred D. Athearn of Ambrose in 1912. They had two sons. She passed away at Havre, Montana, in 1939.

Myrtle also attended Ryder schools and was married to A. E. Olsen in 1913. Three sons were born to them — Donald, who works for the state in Sacramento; David who lives in Oklahoma City, Okla., and works for an airplane factory, and Archie who lives at Downey, Calif., and has a good position with a big manufacturing company. Myrtle lives in Hollywood and is employed in an insurance office.

IRVIN E. OFFICER

Irvin Officer was born at Springville, Wis. on July 26, 1863, and was united in marriage to Amy Ramsey in 1882, and to this union were born: G. B. Officer of Ryder; Florence Cade of San Diego; Sakie Brye of Viroqua, Wis.; and Elmer. His wife and young son Elmer passed on in 1896.

He spent most of his life in N. Dak. In 1902 he homesteaded south of Ryder, as did his sister Florence and brother Wyman. A sister Rose bought a relinquishment.

In 1905, he married Mary Askew of Wadena, Minn. and five children were born to this union: Harold of Nortonville, N. Dak.; Ruth (deceased); Aleathe of Colorado; William of Edgeley (these three were born in Ryder), and Esther of Idaho.

In 1905 Mr. Officer founded the Queen City Telephone Company and remained living here until 1912 when he returned to eastern North Dakota. He passed away in 1941 at Deisem, N. Dak.

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MR. and MRS. ANDREW OBERG

Andrew Oberg was born in Sweden, March 31, 1875. He came to America in 1895 and worked in Illinois on farms until 1901. In the spring of 1901 he went to Minneapolis where he met John Ahlgran; they saw an ad in a newspaper where there was land for filing, so decided to head for North Dakota.

They arrived in Minot and got a locater to take them homestead seeking. They went as far as the Jervelyn ranch where they stayed all night. The next morning they drove on to what was to be their homesteads in southwest of section 13. In the fall they built the shacks on their claims. Mr. Ahlgrans was built first, and as they ran out of nails before Andrews was completed, his was rather poorly constructed.

They returned to Minneapolis for the winter, and returning to their homesteads on bicycles in the spring, where they found Andrews shack had blown away. In July, 1912, Andrew was married to Marie Engebretson. The Obergs had five children namely: Signe Horsch and Jeanette Burchill of Spokane, Washington, Evelyn Bangen of Plaza, N. Dak., Dorothy Burchill of Minot, N. Dak., and Art of Ryder. The Obergs lived on their farm west of Ryder until 1947, when they moved to Ryder. Mrs. Oberg passed away in March, 1953. Mr. Oberg makes his home in Ryder. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran church.

MR. and MRS. ALBIN JOHNSON

Albin Johnson was born Jan. 9, 1869, at Bengtsfors, Sweden. He came to America at the age of 17, working in St. Paul for a few years as a drayman. During the harvest season of 1902 he worked at Gilby, N. Dak. There he met Anna Sampson, who later became his wife. She was born in Norway, in 1886.

Johnson filed on a homestead south of Ryder in 1902. The nearest town then was Minot, and he hauled his supplies out to the homestead with a team of horses and wagon. In 1905 Garrison became the nearest town till Ryder was built.

He and Anna Sampson were married Dec. 25, 1906. They had eight children. Mrs. Johnson passed away Jan., 1920. An infant son also died at this time. Mr. Johnson then raised his seven children alone. In 1937 he went to Wisconsin to live with his brother who later passed away. He then returned to Minot where he made his home.

Albin Johnson died July 26, 1953. He was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Ryder.

A sister, Anna Johnson, also filed on a homestead there, 1 mile east of her brother's place. She married O. A. Anseth in 1907. They had six children. Anseth, too, had a homestead west of Johnsons'. They moved to Canada in 1919. Anseth died in 1955. Mrs. Anna Anseth is still living in Sicamous, B. C., Canada.

Herman Johnson is living on the old home place.

Helen, (Mrs. Oscar Brusven) lives near Sawyer. Henry and Carl of Minot, Edwin, Spokane, Wash. and Theodore and Myrtle (Mrs. Lidward Olsen) living north of Douglas.

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MR. and MRS. CHARLIE KNUTSON

Charlie Knutson was born and raised in Wisconsin. He came to Ryder in 1902 and established his claim a few miles west of where Ryder now is. In 1905 he built his shack and in 1906 he came to live permanently. In 1906 he farmed with 4 oxen and one horse. If one of the oxen would play out Charlie would replace him with a horse, and continue his field work.

Charlie tells of one time he and a friend decided to walk to Minot. They walked all day and became very hungry and tired. As they were passing a farm they noticed a light in the barn and they decided to stop. The farmer was milking his cows so he gave Charlie and his friend all the milk they could drink. This gave them new energy, so they proceeded on to Minot and arrived there at 3:00 A.M.

In 1910 the Knutson brothers ran a thrashing rig. Three of their bundle teams were oxen.

Chas. was a real cook and house keeper and could bake bread and sling pancakes as well as any one.

In 1912 he became tired of being a bachelor so he married Inga Remme. Thirteen children were born to this union, twelve of whom are living. Agnes Jantz, Orville and Vernon of Ryder; Chas. Jr. of Vinette, Montana; Marvin of Eugene, Oregon; Clarice Goltz of Leonard, N. Dak.; Vivian Miller of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Joyce Johnstone of St. Paul, Minn.; Janice Turner, Guam; Doris Bjornson, Moorhead, Minn.; and Signora Scroggs of Warrensburg, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Knutson lived on their farm until 1944 when he retired and they have made their home in Ryder since.

PETER J. KOLDEN

Peter J. Kolden, pioneer settler of the Roseglen community was born in Lom, Norway, September 20, 1869. He came to the United States in 1888, coming first to Wisconsin and later to Cyrus, Minnesota. Mrs. Kolden whose maiden name was Mary Lunden was born in Lom, Norway, on February 26, 1875. She came to Wisconsin with her parents in 1887 and later went to Cyrus, Minnesota. They were married in Cyrus, on December 16, 1897.

There were three children namely: Adolph living at Roseglen, Josephine now Mrs. Carl R. Hanson, Roseglen, and Lillie now Mrs. O. A. Aamoth, Great Falls, Montana.

In 1903, they moved to Roseglen, N. Dak., where they homesteaded and they lived there until their death. They were charter members of the Immanuel Lutheran church of Roseglen which was organized at the Kolden home in 1904.

Mrs. Peter Kolden passed away June 18, 1940 and Peter Kolden passed away on September 2, 1952.

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MR. and MRS. O. K. HAUGEN

O. K. and Guro Haugen were both born in Skafse, Tilemarken; he on Feb. 6, 1879 and Guro four years previous; and were married in Norway.

In 1902 they came to Langdon, N. Dak. where they resided 3 years. Mr. Haugen filed on his homestead north of Ryder in 1904. He relates how in falls of 1905 and 1906 he hauled his crop of flax 22 miles to Des Lacs with oxen, leaving home about 2:00 A. M. and arriving there about 3:00 P. M. They would remain overnight and return next day with a load of coal. Sometimes coal was hauled from Minot with horses. He also tells us of how he almost lost his life in 1906 when a prairie fire swept Rice Lake Township. He was able to reach the "fire Break" that had been plowed around his buildings. Pioneer life was not easy but there were pleasant memories such as church doings and neighborhood gatherings.

Seven children were: Gladys Hicbra and Gunda Richardson, both of San Diego, Calif.; Anna Burman, Iowa City, Iowa; Clarence and Knute of rural Ryder; Sena Crowell (1953) and Theodore (1946) both deceased.

Mrs. Guro Haugen passed on Oct. 25, 1925; Mr. Haugen continued to live on the farm raising his family but married Mrs. Mary Rusten in 1927 who had come to Ryder in 1916 with her family from Albert Lea, Minn. They remained living on the farm until 1945 when they moved to Ryder. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Mrs. Rusten Haugen's children are: Maynard and Hazel, deceased; Olga Nelson of Parshall; and Tena Jensen of Ryder.

MR. and MRS. AMIL KRUGER

Amil Frederick Kruger was born near Iona, Chickasaw County, Iowa on August 10th, 1875. He moved with his parents to Little Falls, Minnesota during his childhood.

In the fall of 1905, he filed a claim in Anna Township and moved to his homestead in the spring of 1906. He resided there until his death Oct. 26, 1955.

Augusta Mathilda Martin was born near Elmore, Minn. on March 14, 1891. She moved with her parents to Pilot Grove Township when she was 5 years old and lived there till she married and came to North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger were married Feb. 23, 1910, at Pilot Grove, Minn., and came out here in March, and have lived here on the homestead since.

The children from this wedlock are: Esther, (Mrs. Reuben Semmen) lives in Minot; Howard lives on the homestead; Vadna Griswold lives at Harvey, Illinois; Clarence, lives on the homestead; Doris Brevik lives in Williston.

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CHARLES D. WEIKERT

Mr. Weikert was born near Greenville in Darke Co., Ohio Sept. 2, 1877 and moved to Midison, Ind. when 8 years old. He lived there for 20 years, marrying Edna Bramwell in 1902. The spring of 1906, they came to Bowdle, S. Dak. to help his brother put in the crop, and in June he and John came to Ward County deciding on new Ryder. The first people they met were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fredeen, Steve and Ted Olson and their two sisters, also Hans Miller who ran the bank. It was at this time they decided to buy some lots at new Ryder.

Mr. Weikert tells of how he and John went along with a tree salesman to Minot, got within 12 miles of town and the horses gave out, and they had to hitch hike the rest of the way. They returned to Bowdle, S. Dak. where he bought a team of horses, a wagon, a democrat (two seated spring wagon) and a tent. A cover was put over the wagon where he, his wife, and baby slept. John slept in the other wagon and so it was with the aid of 4 horses they landed in old Ryder, July 17, 1906 and to the new Ryder Townsite on the 18th, which was a lovely flax field in bloom. They bought 3 lots that had laths stuck up on all four corners; the next day when they returned the laths were gone and instead were 2 inch pegs at each corner. With others help they were finally able to relocate their lots in at least 18 inch tall blooming flax.

They set the wagon for cover and to sleep in; pitched their tent to cook in which was the first tent pitched in new Ryder, and so were ready to go to work.

Next day they drove the 4 horses and wagon to Garrison for lumber to build a shack which was used for a kitchen. Some homestead boys helped and a shack was built in no time. He hauled more lumber built a house which is Mr. Jamison's home at the present time.

Mr. Weikert next built a livery barn just east of Hotel Fredeen and also dug the first well in Ryder. It was a busy place and every day new places were built.

Mrs. Weikert was the only woman for some time, but passed on in July, 1907. Then John, his wife, and son Donald lived with Mr. Weikert that summer. John passed on the summer of 1908. Charles traded the livery barn to Mart Gettle, went to farming in 1909 but remained living in town. However in 1912 he took up a homestead one mile east of Raub and moved there the next year after marrying Ada Wallace of Dayton, Ohio, at Douglas, N. Dak.

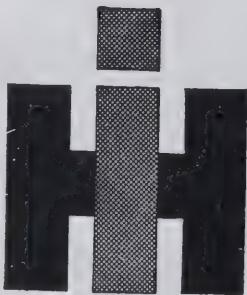
Two daughters are: Mary Drablos of Roseglen and Eleanor Officer of Ryder. In 1945 Mr. Weikert moved to Dayton, Ohio.

HANS OVERBO homesteaded southeast of Ryder and lived there many years. He passed away many years later and was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery.

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LARS KOLDEN

Lars Kolden was born in Lom, Norway in 1879, and came to the United States and homesteaded in North Dakota in 1902.

He built himself a two room house and when he had enough money accumulated sent for his sweetheart in Norway, Anna Synsness. She was 19 years old when she packed her trunk and together with three other young ladies who later became Mrs. Ole Daleness, Mrs. Fines, Mrs. Lloyd Austad and Erling, traveled to the new land. Upon arriving in Quebec there was quite a hunt on the nap for the town of Ryder, as this was a very new town. They boarded the train to Bismarck and then on to Ryder where Mr. Olness met them at the depot. The services of Charley Leonardson with his double seated buggy were secured to take them through the trails of mud to the Ole Rostad homestead which seemed to be a landing place for all. With this many overnight visitors room was made in a room that was partly filled with grain.

On August 16, 1907 Lars and Anna made a trip to Garrison by horse and buggy then by train to Washburn where they took their marriage vows. In years to come they were blessed with six boys, Julius, Anton, Chris, Lloyd, Clifford, and Ervin.

In those early years mail was received once a week at the John Snippen farm where it was kept in the cupboard.

Church was held in different homes whenever the minister would come around. If a death occurred the body was buried and services were held when the minister came through again.

Traveling to Minot for supplies was a three day trip with horses and wagon, and it was a long wait for the children who waited and listened for the bells on the horses.

Anna passed away on Sept. 12, 1945 and Lars passed away Oct. 30, 1950.

MR. and MRS. ENGEBRIGT HOLTAN

Engebrigt Holtan was born March, 1872, at Forest City, Iowa. In 1886 he came to McLean County with his parents, and filed on a homestead.

Cora Peterson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Peterson, was born Feb. 1878 at River Falls, Wisconsin. After teaching school four years Cora and Engebrigt were married Nov. 29, 1899. In years to come they were blessed with four children: Pearl, deceased; Mildred Lunden and Lyle of south of Raub; and Helen Shigley of Olympia, Washington.

In the early 1900's the Holtan's sold their claim and moved to Ryder where the children attended school. Mr. Holtan looked after his farming interests in the Raub and Reservation Territories and then moved to a farm south of Raub. Several years before Mr. Holtan passed on in 1953, they retired and moved to Bismarck. Mrs. Holtan is now with her daughter in Washington.

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PEDER BARSNESS, PIONEER

Peder Barsness came from Cyrus, Minn. to the Roseglen country in 1906. He brought with him a freight-car shipment of horses, cattle, machinery, furniture and other household supplies. A son, Oscar, eleven came with him.

Hauling lumber from Garrison, Barsness put up a small barn and a two room tar-papered house. In June Mrs. Barsness and the four other children joined him, arriving by train to Garrison. There Mr. Barsness and Oscar met them in a lumber wagon.

Anna, the oldest of the children, then twelve, well recalls the long ride out from Garrison. "How many miles left now to Roseglen, papa?" she would ask over and over again.

After what seemed endless hours, they arrived at the Roseglen store and postoffice on the John Snippen farm. Stopping to buy some groceries, papa tied the horses to a hitching post and the family climbed down from the wagon, relaxed their cramping legs and backs and shook hands with Johnny who had come outside to greet us: "All of you come in," he invited; "Emma's fixing lunch."

In the kitchen behind the store we found the table all set with a red checkered table cloth and company dishes and Mrs. Snippen happy and laughing, a coffee grinder in her hands.

Three miles more and we were home on the homestead!

In the summer of 1907, Oscar was accidentally killed by a runaway team of horses, a hard blow to the parents, but in the years to come four more children were added to the family.

One Sunday noon in 1917, Papa Barsness, with the family home from church, had something on his mind. "De gaar ikke an og kjore paa raaden me hester langere," he announced suddenly. "Me maa vel kjobe os en automobile likedan som andre folk." And so one day he brought home his first car, a Model T. Ford.

The children beside Anna, (Mrs. Anton Eidahl, Ryder, N. Dak.) are Mrs. Mabel Nordstrom of 140 East 64th, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Clifford Amundson (Judith) of Woodland, California; Mrs. Harry Peterson (Gladys) of Ryder; Norman, Reuben, Oswald, Palmer all of Roseglen, N. Dak. Norman still farms and lives on the old home place. Reuben in the store business at Roseglen, passed away in October, 1946, at the age of forty-two. Papa or Peder Barsness passed away in April, 1938, at the age of seventy-three, and mother or Mary Barsness passed on in Nov., 1939 at the age of sixty-nine.

HENRY E. JOHNSON became a member of the bar in 1903 and practiced law in Velva for 3 years. In 1906 until 1913 he was a cashier of one of the 1st Banks started at Ryder. The latter year he engaged in farming at Rice Lake and continued ranching until 1920 when he moved to Minot. He has 3 children, Robert, Hildeman and Mrs. J. N. Bell. He now lives at St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

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Rev. N. H. Holm and family arrived in Ryder, North Dakota in 1911 and lived in the Lutheran Church parsonage until about 1915 when they bought their own home which the children sold in 1945. Mrs. Holm passed away in 1940.

Rev. Holm was born in Nordmre, Trondhjem, Norway in 1861, was graduated from the common schools and Trondhjem's Military School and arrived in Duluth, Minnesota in 1888. He worked in stores, and farms until 1893 when he enrolled in the Lutheran Seminary in Minneapolis from which he was graduated in 1896. His first pastorate was Norway, Kansas. While in Duluth, he met Lina Aukrust who was born in Lom, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway in 1868. She came to Viroqua from Norway in 1879 and lived in La Crosse, and Duluth where she married the Reverend in 1897.

Their pastorates were: Norway, Kansas; Bemidji, Minnesota; Deer Park, Wisconsin, and Ryder, Douglas and Makoti. The Reverend passed away in 1918.

They were the parents of six children: Gunda (Mrs. Herman R. Reque) La Mesa, California; Halbert, Waller, Texas; Henry, Rockford, Illinois; Linda (Mrs. Edwin R. Howard) Arcadia, California; Jeannette, (Mrs. Anton Otheim) Kennewick, Washington, and Emil, Kildeer, North Dakota.

MR. and MRS. ANDREW LODIEN

Andrew Lodien was born in Isanti Co., Minn. Sept., 1874. It was here where he lived with his parents and grew up. On April 12, 1902 he married Amanda Torell who was born Jan., 1873. After their marriage they lived near Cambridge, Minn. until 1906 when they decided to come to N. Dak. and Mr. Lodien filing on a homestead brought his family here. The Lodien farm was located 2 miles south of Ryder; the family lived here until 1925 when they moved back to Minn. settling in Isanti, Minn. Mrs. Lodien passed away Nov. 6, 1933 and Mr. Lodien, June 23, 1955. The Lodien children are: Clifford living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dennis living at Springfield, Oregon; Lester at Springfield, Oregon; Mamie at Biloxi, Mississippi; Bert and Ruth at Isanti, Minn.

The Lodien family are members of the Baptist Church.

MR. and MRS. FRED HACANSON

Mr. Hacanson, was born in Minnesota in 1883. Later the family moved to S. Dak. In 1905 he came to N. Dak. and filed. He returned to S. Dak. but in 1906 he came back and stayed.

He was united in marriage in 1914 to Marie Romsaas.

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The Hacansons have one son, Gordon, who with his family lives south of Ryder.

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Mr. Larson was born near Trondheim, Norway, Aug. 11, 1874 where he grew to manhood. He served for 3 years in the artillery in the Norwegian Army for 3 month periods hauling big guns; it took 6 horses to pull one gun; his wages amounted to two pennies a day.

Mrs. Larson was also born near Trondheim in 1881. In 1901 they were married in the Lutheran Church there having to make the trip from their home 15 miles by a cart drawn by a horse. He tells there were 20 rigs in the wedding procession and the celebration lasted three days. In 1902 they came to America, settling near Brandt, S. Dak. for four years, and hearing there was free land in Ward County, they filed in the spring on their homestead 11 miles north of Ryder, bringing his family in the fall. They did not live on the homestead place for a few months but lived seven miles east of it.

He tells of an experience one Sunday while taking his family to the homestead site where they were looking at the building site. They noticed a smoke to the N. W. and here they remained all night fighting fire. He built his own barn with lumber hauled from Des Lacs. Another day they were driving to Des Lacs and noticed another small smoke and upon arriving back at the site at night found their barn burned. This time together with a neighbor, he went to Ryder to get lumber but the three yards did not have a stick of lumber because of the building boom in the Ryder community.

The Larsons then lived with Andrew Oplands in the barn for a month. One half ton of coal was hauled from Des Lacs (20 miles) once a week on a homemade jumper sled. The first breaking that he did was with Mr. Opland driving the horses and Mr. Larson holding the plow and planting flax but with the help of a hail storm only 30 bushels was harvested.

Larsons lived on their claim until 1920, when they moved to Gate Township and bought a farm. In 1936 they moved to town to make their home. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

The children are: Crysma Janz and Carl of Minot, Eddie of Makoti, Walter of Washington, Oscar, Arnold, and Inga Bradley of Ryder. Olga is deceased.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM MORRIS

William Morris came from Dixon, Illinois and homesteaded in 1902.

He was married in Feb., 1906 and three children were born to this union. The Morrises moved back to Illinois in 1910.

They celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1956.

The children are John and Lawrence at Dixon, Ill. and Mrs. Walter Wenzel at Wenslo, Ill.

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OLE DALENESS

Mr. Daleness was born in Trondpon, Norway, December 15, 1882. He came to Owatonna, Minn. in 1902 where he spent the next three years working there and at Devils Lake.

In 1905 he came to Minot and on to southwest of Ryder, where he filed on his homestead. Mr. Daleness tells us that an event in the pioneer days when he was through with his fall work and wanting to go back east for the winter, he had no place to leave his four oxen, but Mr. Humphrey, who was going to live on his homestead during the winter, offered to keep his oxen if Mr. Daleness would break five acres for him, which he did. He also relates how he would go to Rice Lake to trap — another way to add a few more pennies toward his goal "of a home."

Mrs. Daleness was born in Gubrandsdalen, Norway, December 29, 1891. In 1907 she came to the Roseglen community where she lived with the Ole Rostads for awhile. She worked for the John Snippens, who had a store and post office, and it was there she met Ole, whom she married June 24, 1909.

The homestead shack of 10 by 12 is now a fine modern home, located on their 560 acre farm. They are members of the Mt. Zion Church, south of Ryder. Their eight children are: Olga Paul, Easton, Minn.; Elmer, Missoula, Mont.; Leona Torkelson, Cando, N. Dak.; Stella Harper, Minot; Myra Yonker, Garrison; Clifford, Palmer, and Arthur of the Ryder vicinity.

MR. and MRS. JOHN J. LUNDEN

John J. Lunden was born October 3, 1872 in Lom, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, of parents Johannes and Jode Lunden. He was baptized in Lom, Norway and was confirmed May 6, 1888 at Springdale, Wisconsin by Rev. O. P. Syftestad. He came to the United States when he was fourteen years of age and lived for a time in Wisconsin before moving to Minnesota. He homesteaded near Roseglen in McLean county in 1902.

Annie E. Johnson was born June 2, 1882 at Cyrus, Minnesota—the daughter of Christian and Olia Johnson. She was united in marriage to John J. Lunden on April 14, 1903 at Cyrus, Minnesota, by Rev. Nels Forde. Seven children were born to this union: a daughter and twin sons (Melvin and Merlin) died in infancy, the other children include Julius on the home farm, Olger who operates Lunden's Hi-Way Market at Roseglen and lives on a farm just west of town, Ernest a music instructor in High School in Sacramento, California, and Evelyn, Mrs. Earl Pederson who lives with her family on the Pederson home farm three miles east of Roseglen.

Mr. Lunden passed away August 5, 1940 and Mrs. Lunden on October 4, 1945. Both were charter members of Immanuel Lutheran church.

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CHRISTIAN J. AMUNDSON

C. J. Amundson was born at Blooming Prairie, Minn., July 10, 1860. On June 5, 1893 he was married to Lena Bakhe who was born at Zumbrota, Minn., on February 24, 1873. After their marriage they came to Minot, where they lived until Mr. Amundson filed on a homestead in Blue Hill township. After the family moved out to their homestead in 1903, they started a small grocery store which they operated for four years.

They resided in Douglas for awhile, but it was here on the farm where Mr. Amundson became ill and was cared for by his wife, who was a practical nurse. He passed away in March of 1930. After this Mrs. Amundson and a son, Clarence, moved on the farm to stay. The Amundson children are: Sarah Reed, Seattle, Washington; Nora Rasmussen, Drayton, N. Dak.; Ruby Sabraw, Sacramento, Calif.; Clara Johnson, Huntington Park, Calif.; Alyce, Washington, D. C.; Shirley, Pearl and Clarence of Ryder.

Mr. Amundson was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Mrs. Amundson is also affiliated with the same.

JOHN A. MILLER

John A. Miller was born in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada in 1869. He located on a farm 2½ miles southeast of Ryder in 1908 and lived there continuously until his death in 1929. He was very active in township and school affairs having held several supervisory offices. He was very much interested in the Ryder Presbyterian Church and Odd Fellows Lodge.

His oldest son Leslie I. Miller is now living in Pierre, S. D. where he and his wife Agnes operate their cabin court business. The other son Rankin and his wife Lillian live in Ryder where he is Manager of a grain elevator. Mrs. Miller is the former Lillian McCarthy. They have one son Ronald who lives in Oshkosh, Wisconsin with his wife the former Vivian Knutson and their two children Renaye and Rodney.

MR. and MRS. ANDREW ANDERSON

Andrew Anderson came to this country in March, 1904, from Ostfold, Norway. He worked at Hampden, N. Dak. that summer and came to the Roseglen community in the fall, where he filed on a homestead in December. He made his home there until 1915.

In 1919 he was married to Bertha Speichen, and Ryder has been their home for 36 years. He has been engaged in carpentry and farming most of this time. One year was spent in Minneapolis. He has returned to Norway twice, for visits.

Their five children are: Winston, at home; Elinor, Albuquerque, N. Mex.; Vivian (Mrs. David Glover) Minot, N. Dak.; Priscella (Mrs. Marvin Aldinger) Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Deloris (Mrs. Bruce Kauffman) Phoenix, Arizona. There are five grandchildren. Two sons, Howard and Alton are deceased.

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He was born Jan. 26, 1876 and raised at Winona, Minn. Mrs. Witt was born Dec. 18, 1883 on a farm in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin. They were married March 28, 1908 at Winona and came to the homestead that spring which was proved up the year previous. This was quite an experience for Mr. Witt as he had always lived in the city until he came out to N. Dak. He tells of going thrashing with the Sullivan outfit from Garrison the fall of 1907 and also of playing ball on one of the first ball teams organized here.

Mrs. Witt passed away on Aug. 16, 1939 and Mr. Witt on Aug. 2, 1946.

The children are: William, Glasgow, Montana; Judith Hanson of rural Minot; Ruby, John and Grant of Ryder.

MRS. OSMAN

When Grandma Osman (Fred Osman's Mother) was proving up on an 80 acre homestead in Blue Hill township there were miles and miles of unbroken prairies in North Dakota. She was a jolly person living all alone on her 80 except for a dog and an old hen which laid an egg every day in the summer. Of course, the dog was her constant companion and a great consolation to her. She did like to walk and would walk down to our place every day — she and her dog, who hunted gophers and badgers, as they walked. She lived a busy life working on crazy patch quilts when nothing else was at hand. Living on the homestead was fun. When cars came into use there were no roads so people didn't use cars in the winter.

Grandma Osman was a grand old lady — mighty nice to have around in those early days when there were no doctors or nurses available. There were so many accidents working with horses and machinery. She was the "Voice of Experience" and everyone in the neighborhood went to her for help. When she had proved up on this particular piece of land she went to California to live with her two daughters. Before going, however, she also proved up an 80 near Max. She has been gone a long time now but the 80 she homesteaded is still a part of our farm.

Ida Osman

LUDVIG K. TILLER was born June 18, 1881 in Norway, and came to the U. S. in 1901 and homesteaded north of Ryder in 1906. He and Mrs. Tiller moved to Minot in 1944. He passed on the spring of 1956. A son, Leslie lives at Minot and daughter Selma Taxis in Elgin, Ill.

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MR. and MRS. JAMES HANLON

James Hanlon was born in Ottawa, Canada, and was a Canadian citizen until just before he proved up on his claim twelve miles southeast from Ryder, in McLean county. He filed on his claim in 1902, but the family continued to live in Osakis, Minnesota, until 1903 when he had built a claim shack and moved his family and personal property here. That was the family home until 1913, when they moved to Ryder. They made their home there until the final sale and move to Everett, Washington about 1927. Mr. Hanlon died there in June 1942, and Mrs. Hanlon passed away in December of 1950.

Mrs. Hanlon was born in Wisconsin but moved to Douglas county when quite young. Mr. Hanlon had the dray line in Ryder most of the time while he lived there. During pioneer days Oscar and then Jeanette were their post offices. Minot which was sixty miles away, was their trading center. A trip to Minot took three days.

Mrs. Klein tells of an incident which really sticks in her mind. It concerns a trip her mother and two older brothers, Harry and John, took. Mrs. Hanlon wanted to go shopping before Christmas, so about November 15, they set out. A heavy snowstorm came up and they didn't see them again for two weeks. The two small children were home with their dad, who had many head of stock to care for. Needless to say they were extremely welcome when they returned.

The children are: Harry who lives in Everett, Washington along with his wife and most of his family, William, who spent the most time in Ryder, has a grain elevator business at Dover near Carrington, N. Dak., John who homesteaded on the reservation southwest from Van Hook, passed away in 1943, but his widow and four daughters live in or near Everett. Iris was married to Joy Kline in 1921 and has lived at Parshall ever since — she was a school teacher, housewife, etc. They have four children — three sons and a daughter. Hugh lives in Everett and has a son and daughter.

MR. and MRS. KNUTE AFDAHL

Mr. Afdahl was born in Norway June 22, 1886. He came to Minnesota in 1900, and to North Dakota in 1902; moved here to stay in 1906. Mrs. Afdahl was born in Iowa February 26, 1883, and came to North Dakota when a girl. They were married at Minot, November 27, 1906.

Five children were born to this union namely: Anna at San Francisco, Calif., Orvin of Oregon; Kenneth of Seattle, Wash., Vernon of New York City, he will complete twenty years of service for his country in the summer, of 1956, and Genevieve of Roseglan.

Mrs. Afdahl passed away March 30, 1951. Mr. Afdahl still makes his home in Ryder.

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MR. and MRS. PAUL FOLDEN

Immediately after their marriage in Norway, they came to Effington, South Dakota, where they resided for two years, Mr. Folden working in the woods and for the farmers. Hearing that there was land for filing, he came and filed, and in 1905 they loaded a railroad car and came to Garrison. Mrs. Folden, with two small children, Osta (Mrs. Dan Phillipe from New Town) who was two years old, and Jennie (Mrs. Joe Linnertz of Williston) nine months old, came three days ahead of Mr. Folden as the freight train had broken down. Mrs. Folden could not speak any English and had only a few cents to buy food for the youngsters. After being here for a day, a great comfort to her was meeting a girlhood chum, a Miss Brude from Norway, who with Emma Hjelmstad, now Mrs. Emma Ronning were employed in the hotel. After three days the train came in, and on June 5, early in the morning, they loaded all their possessions on a wagon driven by two oxen, leading two cows and a heifer behind, and started across the prairie leading northwest of Garrison. At ten o'clock that night, they arrived "Home". After unloading bare necessities, they found they had no wood or water. Mr. Folden, having been at the site before, remembered a small slough where he went and dipped up enough water and cut enough grass to cook their evening meal. Their new home had no tar paper or shingled roof, just boards for walls and roof, and when it rained it rained inside as well as outside. All the money they had was ten dollars, and after getting settled, they had three pennies left and didn't have any more surplus money for three months. Their only means for living was the butter churned from two cows.

Their third child, Ole was born after the family arrived on the claim. They also raised Inez Mathisen, who lost her mother when she was a baby.

So life went on and they built up one of the fine farm homes south of Ryder until nine years ago, when Mr. Folden passed away. Since then the farm has been sold and the new owner is now pioneering, not as Folden, but in the modern age. Mrs. Folden is 87 years old and lives in Ryder and is still active. The Foldens are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

ARCHIE BEAUDOIN

Archie Beaudoin was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and Mrs. Beaudoin in St. George, Illinois and came to Ryder vicinity in 1916 where they lived on this farm S.W. of town for 30 years before moving to Minot.

Their family Jerry, 1442 Stickney Avenue South; Mrs. Joe Povlak, 1616 Evens St. S.; Clarence, 1322 Stickney Ave. S.; Irving, 11405 - 21st Ave. N.; and Henry, 919 - 18th Ave. N. all of St. Paul, Minnesota; Leo, 919 - 6th St. S.W., Minot and Mrs. Lyle Gregor, Rt. 2 of Glyndon, Minn.

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This pioneer was born Jan. 29, 1878, in Illinois, where he grew to manhood before coming to North Dakota, where he was employed near Leeds. In 1902 Mr. Alberts came to the territory south of Ryder and worked for the late Mr. Humphrey, and in 1905 bought a relinquishment. On June 12, 1907, he was married to Viola Violet, who was born January 4, 1888, and settled on his homestead. That fall they took Mary Leonard to live with them. She continued to make her home with them until her marriage to O. K. Hopkins in 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Alberts both served for many years as Clerk of the school board and he was Clerk of Blue Hill Township for 25 years. They were members of the Catholic church in Ryder.

In 1931 deep tragedy struck at the Albert home when their son Johnny was drowned in a reservoir at Leeds when he was visiting his grandparents.

Mrs. Alberts was in ill health many years and passed away in June, 1939, but life must go on for Henry who worked many extra hours improving his land and buildings.

In February, 1955, Mr. Alberts passed away leaving his son Robert of rural Ryder and daughter Agatha Homanyi of Sacramento, California.

MR. and MRS. TOM ROACH

Mr. and Mrs. Roache homesteaded 11 miles north of Ryder in 1907. They built their 2 room shack in October, they then went north of Minot and worked during the winter. When they came back in the spring, they brought 1 cow and 2 horses. Mrs. Roache still thinks of the time they had when trying to feed their first little calf.

On Sundays they would drive around looking for wild duck nests. They would take away the duck eggs and replace them with chicken eggs. That was how they got started raising chickens.

Every Saturday they would take their jar of butter and their buttermilk to Ryder to Kelley's restaurant. Their profit from this was enough to buy groceries for a week.

J. M. and MRS. BRASSFIELD

J. M. and Mrs. Brassfield moved from Laredo, Mo. to Ryder March 24, 1907 and homesteaded S. W. of old Hiddenwood. In Oct., 1910 they moved to one mile south of Makoti. Four years later they moved to the farm 7 miles north, 2 miles west of Ryder which is still called "Home Place".

March 19, 1919 they left Ryder moving to Kalispell, Mont. and then to Polson in Aug., 1933 where they remained until they both passed away.

Their family Grace lives at Chillicothe, Mo., William Fred and Maude at Polson, Montana.

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George Blaine Officer was born Feb. 20, 1883 at Springville, Wis. coming out to Ryder May, 1908, where he went to work for the Queen City Telephone Company which was set up at Ryder and Plaza by his father, I. E. Officer, manager of the company until 1912. Blaine built all the Ryder country lines and set up the lines at Ross and Makoti working with the Ryder office until 1954.

He married Petra Opheim of Decorah, Iowa in Oct., 1911 going to Sioux City, Iowa where their son, Irvin Eugene was born in 1912. They came to Ryder that summer and Blaine went to work for the Telephone Co. under the managership of Mr. Moser.

In 1917 he went to work for the light plant which the town had set up and bought them out one year later. He built a new plant where the Ted Simmons Garage is now located which was sold in 1928 to the Otter Tail Power Co. and worked for them until he retired in 1952.

He became manager of the telephone company in 1927 and resumed that position until July, 1954 when the company sold out to the Reservation Mutual Aid Telephone Company at Parshall.

The family of 3 boys, Gene, Alvin, and George reside at Ryder.

JACOB AND GERTRUDE KRAFT

Jacob Kraft was born in Germany, March 4, 1858. He and his family came to Blue Hill Township in 1902 from St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he filed on the homestead where he spent the rest of his life.

His wife, the former Gertrude Linnertz was born in Essen, Germany, May 4, 1871. Her parents passed away when she was quite young. At the age of eleven she came to the United States to live with her brothers, Chris and Joseph Linnertz, who became early Blue Hill ranchers.

For six years the Kraft family lived in a sod house and underwent the usual pioneer hardships. Their two teams of oxen broke their land and were a familiar sight on the roads for many years before they gave way to horses.

Jacob passed away in 1932, his wife in 1943.

There are six surviving children: Connie P. in Seattle, Chris J. in Minot, Mrs. Agnes Sether and Mrs. J. Violett, (Elizabeth) of Leeds and Bernard and Joseph of Ryder.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL

John W. Campbell came from Rockford, Iowa in 1902. He filed on a claim in Hiddenwood township on July 19, 1902. He lived on this claim until 1910 when he moved into Ryder. He worked for Ole Olness for five years. On August 15, 1915 he was appointed postmaster in Ryder and served for twenty-five years.

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BERNT and EMMA FINES

Bernt Fines, early settler in the Roseglen area, was born in Trondhjem, Norway, on October 9, 1877. He came to America when 15 years old. A sister was living at Fort Ransom, N. Dak., so Bernt spent several years there after his arrival in the U.S.A. He worked on farms there, and later drove a stage route between Lisbon and Valley City.

When the Roseglen country was opened to homesteaders in 1902, Bernt decided to stake a claim there. He spent that winter in Fort Ransom, returning to the homestead permanently in the spring of 1903. On that trip, he rode a horse, "Jim", all the way from Fort Ransom, carrying all his possessions with him. He came to Jorgan Jacobson's sod shanty late at night, after the Jacobsons were sleeping soundly. The Jacobsons were friends from Fort Ransom so Bernt made himself right at home, cooking a pot of coffee, and making himself a lunch.

His wife-to-be, Emma Pederson, was also a native of Norway; born in Gudbrandsdalen on Dec. 21, 1890. She and a sister, Sina, came to this country in 1907. They came to Ryder on June 6 of that year, and Charley Lenartson took them to Roseglen in his two seated buggy, the height of luxurious travel in those days. They stayed with an uncle, Ole Rostad, the first night. Emma worked then for the Peter Koldens and later for the Will Flynns. Bernt and Emma were married at the Flynn home on Oct. 3, 1910.

To their union were born ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Living are: Anna (Mrs. Donnell Haugen), Roseglen; Elnora (Mrs. Cecil Lambert), Ellensburg, W'n.; Hilma (Mrs. Wayne Evans), Yakima, W'n.; Edward, Minot; Ruby (Mrs. R. C. Grochow), Seattle, W'n.; Margaret (Mrs. Vern Judkins), Van Nuys, Calif.; Alfred, Roseglen; and Merritt, Yakima, W'n.

In the fall of 1945, Mr. Fines sold his farm to Maurice Snippen, held an auction sale of his machinery and livestock. He loaded the families personal effects and some household furniture in his truck and started West. They located first in Ellensburg, W'n. where Elnora was married and living. Next August the family moved to Yakima, where Bernt purchased a home.

Mr. Fines enjoyed his retirement only briefly. On Sept. 13, 1947 he passed away and was buried in Yakima.

Emma Fines continues to live at the home at 1002 South 32nd Ave. in Yakima, Merritt, the only unmarried one of the children, lives with her.

D. G. CAMPBELL

D. G. Campbell came from Rockford, Iowa and filed on a homestead in Hiddenwood township on July 19, 1902. He lived on this claim until his death in 1910.

Mrs. Campbell came with her husband and lived on the claim until Mr. Campbell's death when she moved to Ryder with John and Margaret.

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PAUL KUKACH

Paul Kukach was born July 15, 1876 in Kolo, Poland. He immigrated to the United States in 1902, with the intention of going to Chicago to work. However, the immigration officials in New York advised him to go with two other families to North Dakota instead as there were labor strikes in Chicago at the time.

His first job was working for the late Peter Ehr when he was building blocks of buildings for Minot. He worked for the Scofields, making hay for their livery stables. In 1904 he bought a farm at Logan, No Dak. He broke ground for flax and planted it, but after two years of farming he decided to sell it, and take up a homestead near Ryder. He moved to Ryder in 1906 and homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26 in Anna Township, which is still his home today. He became an American citizen as soon as he could.

He did a lot of hard work for himself and his neighbors, digging tons of rocks and breaking hard sod for years. In those days he owned 8 or 9 horses, which was comparable to a big tractor in those days, because most homesteaders owned only 4 or 5 horses.

He broke sod for neighbors around him, also he and some of his neighbors plowed furrows that can be seen to this day, which marked the section lines in Anna township.

In 1917 he married Ida Pflugradt of Parkers Prairie, Minn. They were blessed with two daughters, one of whom died in infancy. Their daughter Regina, who is Mrs. Eugene Dustin, lives on the Original homestead with her husband and two children. The place now consists of 480 acres, with several extra quarters rented for hay land.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM ALLEN

Mr. and Mrs. William Allen and three daughters came from Iowa and made their home on a farm about seven miles southwest of Ryder, in the year 1905.

Garrison was the nearest railroad so they came on the train that far and the rest of the way with horses and buggy. A son Bert was already here living on his homestead, so they lived with him in his one room shack until they could haul lumber from Minot to build a house.

The first school the girls attended was in Margaret Campbell's shack on her claim, where all the neighborhood children sat around a table and studied their lessons. They attended church services and Sunday School at Hiddenwood church. Their trading was first done in old Ryder and Hiddenwood and finally new Ryder. The girls also went to High School in Ryder.

Bert Allen married Mina Huntzinger who for years ran the store at Hiddenwood, and they are now living in Eugene, Oregon. Martha married L. L. Van Sickle but passed away about fourteen years ago. Mary never married but lives in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Lena married William Johansen and lives in Ryder. Mr. and Mrs. William Allen have both passed away many years ago.

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MR. and MRS. JAMES DYE

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dye were born and raised at Troy, Ohio, and were married there in 1899. In 1904 they came to Cando, N. Dak. with their son Lawrence. In the spring of 1906 with their household goods in a hay rack drawn by two horses, they moved to their homestead in what is now Gate Township. The first building put up was a barn, which they partitioned using part for their living quarters. The following summer they dug a cellar for their sod house. That fall Mr. Dye dug coal at an Indian mine 18 miles from home while Mrs. Dye hauled 30 tons home and put it in the cellar. That same fall and the next two falls they went with horses and hay rack to Sawyer to thrash, while Mrs. Dye cooked in the cook car. The next summer the floor was layed over the cellar, sod was layed for the sod house, and after thrashing the roof was built and again the cellar was filled with coal.

The first few years there were no partitions built in the sod house, so it was used as a community center, a place for parties and dances that always lasted until morning. The walls were plastered and kelsomined, one would never know they were made of sod. A few years later it was partitioned making four comfortable rooms.

Mrs. Dye, not having any chickens, would hunt the sloughs for wild duck eggs to use in her cooking and baking. She was also the doctor of the community helping to bring many lives into the world and saved many from the flu.

Several years it was so dry they could not raise any feed for the horses which Mr. Dye sold and bought oxen as they did not need grain and grass was abundant. Mr. Dye and son, Lawrence at the age of 10, with the 8 oxen went into the reservation and turned sod from sunrise till 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. until dark as the oxen could not stand the midday heat. Here they remained for weeks at a time, that is until they ran out of food and then would go back to the homestead.

Mr. Dye at one time owned 18 head of oxen. Mrs. Dye always drove one on the buggy. Mrs. Dye cooked for several years on Harley Jones' thrashing rig, cooking for as many as 22 men. She was also good to be on programs at the Old Settlers Picnic.

A daughter Mildred Franklin of Roseglen and a son Clarence were both born and raised in the sod house in which they lived for 23 years. Mr. and Mrs. Dye then moved to the Wm. Kennedy farm where they lived their remaining years.

MARTIN PEDERSEN

Martin filed on the homestead in 1907 about 15 miles northwest of Ryder. In 1909 he was united in marriage to Charlotte Peterson; to this union 6 children were born. He passed away on July 8, 1928.

MR. AND MRS. DELAFORCE homesteaded in the Ryder vicinity.

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MILTON BOWEN

Milton Bowen, wife, and 6 children came from W. Va. to Minot by train in April of 1905, where they hired a livery team and drove the 40 odd miles to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moffet southwest of Douglas. He took the horses back to Minot next day and went back home on foot in a snow storm. He bought the homestead rights from a Mr. Allen and in 1920 sold the home south of Douglas and moved to the farm east of Ryder. He tells of often being visited by Rev. Graham, a Presbyterian minister. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen were of the first to join the Church of God organized in 1927.

Sixteen children were born to this wedlock: Hudson, deceased; Nellie Parsons, Edison Hotel at Portland, Ore.; Bura Stenion of Underwood, Minn.; Hazel Olson, Frank Bldg.; and Mamie Olson, 408 - 1st St. N.E., both of Minot; Mary Ehmantrant, 1224 - 11th St. and Eunice Myers, 1114 Mandan St., both of Bismarck; Charles, 7030 S.E. 76 St., Portland, Ore.; Edrie Brandt, Lynnvile, Iowa; Martin, 3428 Colby Ave., Everett, Wash.; Violet Brunelle, 801 - 5th St., Mandan; Neppie Bonds, 2513-1st St. Lubbock, Texas; Willard 131 Hearne Ave., San Antonio, Tex.; Florinda Hanson, Thelma Wilson and James are of Ryder.

MR. and MRS. C. F. BLOOM

Mr. Bloom was born in Illinois. He filed in 1905, and came back to live in 1906.

He married Rosa Morris March 30, 1910. Mr. Bloom tells how he walked to Roseglen three times a week for his mail.

Mr. Bloom's homestead shack is still a part of the house they live in.

Mr. Bloom tells how the bachelors had to walk ten or fifteen miles to see their girls.

Mrs. Bloom, then Rosa Morris, was here in Ryder when the lots were sold in 1906.

Mr. Bloom has served many years on school board and church boards.

They have been members of the Mt. Zion Church since 1908.

The children of this family are: Vern of Ryder and Florence Willard of Oregon, Ill.

MARGARET CAMPBELL

Margaret Campbell came from Rockford, Iowa in 1902 and filed on a homestead in Hiddenwood township. After living on the claim for one year she proved it up.

Before coming to Ryder she taught school for eleven years, the last three in Minot. Miss Campbell taught in the public schools in Ryder for thirty-three years. While in Ryder she had been treasure of the Presbyterian Church, Superintendent of the Sunday School. Miss Campbell is a member of the Rebekah Lodge and served as President of the Rebekah Assembly of N. Dak. for two years 1941-1942. She is also a member of the Eastern Star.

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GUSTAVE AND ALMA MEYER

Gustave W. Meyer was born in St. Peter, Minnesota, October 16, 1881. His boyhood was spent at Good Thunder. From there he went to Amboy where he was apprenticed to the harnessmakers trade. In 1904, he came to Portal, North Dakota, where he had bought a store after a six months stay at Kensal. That same year he bought a homestead relinquishment near Ryder and drove a horse and buggy down from Portal to build his homestead shack, and establish part time residence. A neighbor, Ole Anderson, hauled lumber from Minot for the building.

On July 19, 1906 Gustave bought a lot at the auction of Ryder village lots. That same summer he built a harness shop. During the winter he returned to Amboy, where he and Alma Schwartz were married. In the spring of 1907 they moved to the homestead and from that time until the claim was proved in the fall of 1908, he commuted to work daily with his horse and buggy or "cutter".

At that time a home was purchased in Ryder and the family which now included a small daughter moved to the house which is still occupied by Mrs. Meyer and a son. Mr. Meyer was active in church and community affairs. After 21 years as fire chief, he was given an honorary life membership in the State Fire Department. He continued as an active member of the local organization for another three years. For many years he was on the village council. He was a charter member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and was instrumental in its formation. Mr. Meyer passed away on May 1, 1948, after a long illness.

Mrs. Meyer has also been active in church, club, and community affairs. She has held offices in the Ryder Homemakers and Home Economics Clubs and served as church organist and Sunday School teacher for many years. During the depression years she was village Red Cross Chairman.

There are three surviving children: Mrs. Joseph Kraft (Rosina), Lorin, and Mrs. Walter Hove (Alta), all of Ryder. Another son Herbert, was killed in a vehicle accident on Corsica in 1944.

(Mrs. Meyer tells of her first Hiddenwood picnic)

On June 20, 1907, we went to the first Hiddenwood picnic. Our home was about three miles from Hiddenwood so we left home about 9:30 A.M., with Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and their little girl who was just one year old. We had our lunch along, and made the trip in a lumber wagon, which had hay in the box for the horses to eat. The men sat on a board laid across the wagon box and we ladies sat on the spring seat. When we arrived the picnic grounds were real lively and gay with all the new dresses and hats. It was a grand day. There was a big tent, where everybody could sit around and visit or do fancy-work. We had a grand time, stayed all day and when evening came we went home, tired but happy.

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OLOF TROITE

Olof Troite filed on a piece of land in 1902 which the late Fred Olson bought. After working in and around the community, Mr. Troite returned to Grand Forks where he married Hilda Lindberg. They then bought the quarter east of old Ryder and after a few years bought the farm now owned by Edwin Wilson, 3½ miles south of Ryder; later they moved north of Ryder to do dairy farming.

Mr. Troite made a trip back to Norway a few years before his death to see his relatives.

After his health started to fail they moved to Ryder where Mrs. Troite still resides on the outskirts of town. To the Troites were born Emma residing in Montana; Olga Erickson and Clarinda Erickson both of Sweethome, Oregon; Stella Belek, Stanley; Arnold, Rockford, Ill.; Leslie of Powers Lake and Selma Folden of Ryder.

MR. and MRS. LEIFSON

Mr. Leifson was born Dec. 12, 1884 and raised 14 miles from Northfield, Minn. He came to N. Dak. in 1905 and homesteaded 11 miles N. E. of Ryder on what is now owned by Olaf Hanson.

He enjoyed the early days very much out here. When he came here there were only a few ranchers some of whom were: Jens Mellum, Pete Underdahls, Elling Ellingson, Sennes, Mr. and Mrs. Larson and Knutson and Rice of Rice Lake. The first fall he was here Rice took all his cattle and moved to Montana. He used oxen to break up his land and hauled all his lumber from Minot to build with as Ryder wasn't here yet. He always stocked up with provisions in the fall and didn't go to town all winter long. His first wife passed away in 1919 leaving him with a 1½ year old son, also three other children preceded her in death. He sold out then and the following year he married Mrs. Ina Miller of Levington, Montana who was born on June 6, 1899 and raised at St. Cloud, Minn. Her son Gene, passed away Dec. 19, 1934. Norman (Bob) living 14 miles N. E. of Ryder on the Ole Seveland place and Lyle of Des Lacs and Don living at home.

PETE JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Johnson and their family of six children came to Minot from Dubuque, Iowa. While in Minot in 1900, five of the children died. Pete worked as a stone mason for a number of years. Late in 1901 the parents and Hiram came to Blue Hill township where they homesteaded. It was here that Jean, Eva, and Helen were born. Mrs. Johnson, whose maiden name was Proudy, passed away in 1918 during the influenza epidemic. Mr. Johnson died in 1935 at Bismarck where he then resided.

Jean and Hiram now farm in Canada. Eva and Helen are both married and are believed to live in Bismarck, N. Dak.

MR. and MRS. B. A. DICKINSON

B. A. Dickinson played an important role in the development of southern Ward county and nearby territory. He established the first building on the townsite of Ryder. He drew the incorporation papers for the village of Ryder. He was Ryder's first assessor. He was the first man in southern Ward county to own volumes comprising the North Dakota law code. He helped mark routes of the Parks highway and the Sakakawea trail, which were early marked routes across North Dakota intersecting at Ryder. As secretary of the Ryder Commercial club he worked for the opening of Fort Berthold lands to settlers.

B. A. Dickinson was born Sept. 3, 1877 in Washington county, Minnesota. His father passed away when he was 12 years of age, but where there is a will there is a way, so he attended high school at Lakeland, Minnesota and afterward taught school for five years. In 1899 he came to Velva, N. Dak. and filed on a homestead, while he was proving up on his claim he attended the University of Minnesota; summers were spent on the farm.

Homesteads didn't pay big dividends at first, and Dickinson earned his way in St. Paul while attending law school by delivering papers for the St. Paul Dispatch. There were 480 subscribers on his route.

When he had finished his junior year at the law school, he yearned for a year of liesure during which he could finish his law course without the necessity of delivery papers. By this time he had a hundred acres of his homestead broken — this was 1905 — and he seeded it all to wheat. It began to head out in July and the student homesteader had visions of a luxurious senior year. Then came a hailstorm which beat down the entire crop. It looked as if his hopes were blasted.

At that time Dickinson's friend, the late Ray Miller, was selling stereopticon views to farmers in S. D. as a means of earning his support in Law School. He wrote Ray, asking if there was work enough for another man, and Ray invited him to come with him. B. A. had just enough money to buy his ticket to Brookings. When he got there he learned to his dismay that Miller had moved his headquarters to Shelby, Iowa. So he pawned his watch for enough to pay his fare to Shelby. He joined Miller and business was good. In six weeks he went back to Law School with \$278.00 clear.

In 1906 the Soo Line extended it's branch as far west as Sanish, so young Dickinson decided to attend the first sale of lots at the newly platted townsite of Ryder. He drove to Douglas, stayed there overnight with a storekeeper and the next morning drove on. When he reached the top of the range of hills west of Douglas, he could see where the town was to be. Out in the middle of a blooming flax field as he approached, he could see a collection of tents that gave an impression of an Indian village. Along with the rest, the young lawyer bought a lot too. As soon as he returned to Velva he bought a small frame building and had it moved to his lot in Ryder. So it happened that the first building

put on that blooming flax field was an 18 by 16 foot Law-Office. Other buildings rose quickly around it.

His first client wanted Dickinson to attach some property which was about to be moved out of the county. He came early in the forenoon. The moving he said, was to take place before night fall. B. A. promised to have the papers ready by three o'clock that afternoon, despite the fact that he had never before drawn attachment papers. Luckily he had the two-volume N. D. Code, and a typewriter. With his law book to guide him he delivered the papers on time. His Law Library, at that time consisted of two books; the Code and an English Encyclopedia.

Early in September, B. A. looked out of his office window one morning and saw a team coming into town. The horses were lathered; they drew up in front of the office. Out jumped Henry Linde, a lawyer from Plaza. He asked to borrow B. A.'s North Dakota Code. B. A. was hesitant because they were his chief mainstay in business. Linde told Dickinson that he had a case to try that day before a justice of the peace and needed it. Ryder's legal light acquiesced on Linde's promise to have the books back by seven o'clock that night. Linde hurried back to Plaza, 24 miles away; won the lawsuit and brought the code back that evening as agreed.

The marriage of Dickinson and Laura Ronenquist occurred at Ladysmith, Wisconsin; May 1, 1907. They had met while on an excursion boat on the St. Croix river several years before. He continued in his law office until 1924, when he and family moved to Minot where he formed a law partnership with H. E. Johnson, who had previously moved to Minot from Ryder.

Three children were born to the Dickinson's namely: Richard of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Robert of Minot, and Barbara (Mrs. S. D. Kivley) of Minot.

Mr. Dickinson passed away on January 20, 1956 at Minot. Mrs. Dickinson continues to make her home at 325 - 11½ Ave. N. E., Minot.

SEVER PAULSON

Mr. Paulson, born June 12, 1877, in Norway, filed on his homestead 4 miles south and ½ mile east of Ryder in 1904. The next June he was married at Pekin, N. Dak. to Anna, born in Norway March 16, 1879. Three children were born to this union — Agnes Butts of Big Bend; Ester Smith, Wenatchee, Wash.; and Albert of Ryder.

However, the Paulson union was not permitted to go on. June 14, 1910 he was kicked by a horse causing his death the next day leaving the trials of life to Mrs. Paulson.

She with her small children made a trip back to Norway but after a year decided to return "home" and it was here she raised her family. Mrs. Paulson later moved to Ryder and passed away Oct. 1, 1945. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

MR. and MRS. OLAF HANSON

Mr. Hanson was born in Sweden, April 25, 1876 where he grew to manhood, received his education, and became a sailor. After coming to U.S.A. he was employed at Chicago. In 1902 he, together with Dan Jackson, now deceased, and Andrew Johnson came to Minot where there was land for filing. They all obtained a homestead in 1903. They farmed together. Dan and Olaf would work in lumber camps in Minnesota in the winter and build railroads in North Dakota in the summer. They would send Andrew money to work their farms for them. In 1903 and 1904 they hauled their flax crop to Minot; it took three days to make the trip, getting only 65 cents per bushel for their flax, they did not feel they could afford a hotel room, so would sleep on the hay upstairs in a livery barn.

In 1906 Dan Jackson married Anna Gudahl, Andrew Johnson went back to Sweden, and in 1907 Olaf married Ellen Lewis. Their farm home then was in Blue Hill township. A few years later they moved to their present farm.

Mr. Hanson and his sons raised cattle and hogs which have brought many prizes from the N.W. fair. He served as Superintendent of the hog and sheep department at the N.W. fair in Minot for 30 years.

The Hansons have eight children: Manfred at Rugby, Harold at Minot, Earl, Wendell, and Phillip of Ryder, and Olaf Jr. at Billings, Montana; Amos, in the Air Force stationed at Washington, D. C. and Amanda White of Billings, Montana. They also raised a granddaughter, Maureen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanson are retired and have since lived in Ryder.

MR. and MRS. EMIL PRICE

Mr. Price was born in Kansas and spent his boyhood in Illinois. In 1906 he came to Ryder. He rode out from Minot on Ed Fredeens stage coach. On the way out here the horses ran away. One of the fellows that was along was wearing a fur coat; he was tossed from the buggy at the top of a hill, and rolled all the way down, looking like a big bear. The men had to walk the rest of the way to Ryder.

Mr. Price had always worked in factories so farm life was new to him. The first time he unharnessed a horse he unbuckled all the buckles and took the harness all to pieces. He tells of once, when driving oxen after dark, and coming fast down hill, how the wagon began to wobble, upon investigating he found both oxen on the same side of the wagon pole.

Mr. Price was married in 1909 to Anna Hacanson. They have six children: Hazel Becker, Alice Bloom, Doris Landon all of Ryder, Ethel Ziegler of Emmet, Donald of Barstow, Calif. and Wilbert at home. The Prices are still living on their farm.

IRA DOPP

Mr. Dopp filed his claim adjoining the south side of Round-top Lake, filed the day the Ryder lots were sold. When he went through what is now Ryder there was a load of lumber there for the North Star Lumber Yard. He built a house 10' x 12' of lumber and tar paper in the fall of 1906. Church services were held in the homes in that community as Hiddenwood Church was not yet built. He did his shopping at Hiddenwood and Rose-glen stores.

He did his plowing with four oxen and a sulky plow, although he had two horses, a wagon, and a buggy. He stayed here until 1911, married Belle Baker and lived near Parker, S. Dak. until 1916; then they moved on the Charles Dopp farm south of Hiddenwood for 2 years. They moved near Rice Lake until 1939 when they moved back to Parker, S. Dak. for permanent residence.

MR. and MRS. CARL ANDERSON

Carl Anderson was born Nov. 2, 1882 in Minnesota. He came in 1904 to Ryder and bought the Kwistland place. His furniture consisted of a pot belly stove and a bed. His crop in 1904 was 5 acres of flax which went 15 bushels to the acre, and brought 72c per bushel. His gross income for 1904 was \$54.00. In the winter of 1905 Carl went back to Minn. and got his three horses, a plow, and wagon. In 1906 he seeded his first wheat. He bought his seed wheat from Fred Van Hook. Carl's wheat went 20 bushels to the acre. He purchased his first binder in 1906, his first seeder, a Kentucky drill, in 1907, and a few years later a thrasher.

In 1912 Carl married a Minnesota girl. He served as town-supervisor and school treasurer for 20 years.

The Andersons have five children: Earl, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Stella Lynn of Great Falls, Mont.; Donald and Arnold at home and Doris Sorenson also of Ryder. Mrs. Anderson passed away in July of 1954.

MR. and MRS. HARLEY JONES

Mr. Jones was born in Illinois, February 2, 1880. His boyhood was spent on a farm and his hobby was hunting. He was married to Ingborg Olson of Iowa on April 10, 1909 at Minot. His occupations have been farming, contracting, butcher shop, grocery store, garage and he has also operated a thrashing machine. He has lived in the Ryder community since 1906.

He built his homestead shack in 1902. It burned down the next spring in a prairie fire. The next house was built of sod, and in 1906 the sod was taken away, and the house was rebuilt where his buildings are located now. There were five children in the family namely: George, Eunice Jones Wilson, and Ruby Jones Kimball all of Ryder, and Beulah Jones Mortimer of Feasterville, Pennsylvania. Rose Jones passed away in her infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Jones live in Ryder, but go south for the winters, to a warmer climate.

LLOYD SPENCE OFFICER

Spence Officer was born on March 27, 1875 in Springville, Wisconsin and 1902 filed on a claim 2½ miles S. E. of town. In 1906 he was instrumental in building New Ryder and moved several of the buildings from old Ryder including the Anchor Hotel which was run by a Mrs. Larson and daughter.

Velma Long was born in Pocohantas Co., Iowa on April 28, 1886 and lived in Iowa until 1905 when she went to Minot with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Long, her sister, Zella, and brother, Levvie E. Long who filed on homesteads in the Roseglen community. Their land lay along the reservation fence about 3½ miles from the Roseglen postoffice. In 1910 Levvie sold out and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada. Velma spent the fall and winter of 1907 on her mother's claim and remembers on March 1st she took the mail stage to Ryder from Roseglen and drove to Minot in a bob sled with Fred Olson running into a real old N. Dak. blizzard about half way but the horses managed to stay on the road making the trip all right although it took all day.

In the fall of 1907 Mrs. Long, Zella, and Velma took over the old Pioneer Hotel from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly who wanted to go back to Indiana. In the spring of 1908 Velma opened a hat shop in the Steve Olson and Larson Store on the corner where the old postoffice stood. As there were not many hats worn in N. Dak. in the winter in those days, she dispensed with the shop. In the meantime they had moved the hotel into the old Custer building which still stands on the corner of main street.

Spence and Velma were married in Minot, Feb., 1909 with Ida Bye and George Wertzler as attendants and they in turn were later married. Spence started the dray line in old Ryder and continued in new Ryder, finally selling out to Harry Carroll. In 1912 he took the Standard Oil Agency and lacked a year of serving 25 years for them. Spence, his brothers, I. E. and Wyman and sister Flora established the Queen City Telephone Company with I. E. as manager.

The L. S. Officer family consists of: Lloyd, 4270 Wooddale Ave., Mpls. 16, Minn.; Mrs. Oscar Swee (Penzil) of Harley, Wis.; Mrs. Ray Williams (Vella) 1274 Fairmont Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT AUSTAD

Albert Austad was born July 30, 1880 in Sheldon, N. Dak. and homesteaded in Gate Township in 1902. Anna Sagvold of McCloud, N. Dak. and Albert Austad were united in marriage on June 7, 1905. Five children were born to this family namely; Erwin of Roseglen-Ryder, North Dakota, Louise-Mrs. Lyman Lee, 12½ Mandan St., Bismarck N. Dak. Helen-Mrs. Paul Barber, 721 2nd Ave. N.W., Minot, N. Dak. Alvin Austad - 19742 20th N.W., Seattle 77, Washington. Milton Austad, Ryder, N. Dak.

CHARLIE KERNES filed S. W. of Ryder and was also a early homesteader.

JOHN and CHRISTINE HAUGEN

Among the early settlers in the Roseglen area were John and Christine Haugen, both of whom were born in Ottertail County, Minnesota.

John Haugen filed on his claim, twelve miles south and four miles west of Ryder, in July of 1902. He built a homestead shack that year, low and tarpaper covered. During the next two years he traveled back and forth between the claim and Minnesota and Hampden, N. Dak., where two older brothers were located. Until the fall of 1905, the nearest he could come to the claim by railroad was to Minot; but that fall the rails came to Garrison.

That summer his bride-to-be, Christine Jacobson, came to Roseglen to view her prospective home. She found many neighbors were old acquaintances from Minnesota.

The fall, 1905, John built a stable near the shack, making ready for permanent occupation the following year.

On Dec. 19, 1905, John and Christine were married at her home in Minnesota and early in April the following spring, they, together with her brother, Thomas Jacobson, who had staked his claim south of Max; loaded two railroad cars with cattle, horse, machinery, furniture and lumber. They were shunted onto a siding in Garrison on the tenth, spent the balance of that day and most of the next unloading the cars.

About four o'clock in the afternoon of the eleventh they left Garrison, with four horses on a heavily loaded wagon. As it grew dark that evening, the wagon mired down in Douglas creek and they were unable to get it out. So, seeing a light in the distance, they unhooked the horses and headed for it. Though these people were crowded they managed to put the Haugens up for the night, and next morning helped get the wagon out of the mud and started again for Roseglen.

Shortly after noon on April 12, 1906, the Haugens came over the hills east of their claim and saw the welcome sight of their new home amid the many others nestled on the level Roseglen prairie.

The Haugens stayed only briefly on the claim, renting it to his brother, Rudolph, while John bought grain in the Hampden area.

In 1909 a Farmers elevator was organized in Ryder and Mr. Haugen was offered the managers position. The family remained in Ryder until 1916, when they left for Elgin, N. Dak., where John purchased an elevator. In 1918 his health began to fail and that fall they moved back to the farm.

Trying days followed as Mr. Haugen's health became progressively worse. He passed away in February of 1923, having been an invalid for the last two years of his life.

Mrs. Haugen was left with six children; Donnell, the oldest, then sixteen, Weldon, Margaret, Evelyn, Ruth, and a baby, Doris. Debts had been accumulated during John's illness that hampered their farming operations. Things did not go too badly during the balance of the twenties, but times were hard indeed during

the depression days of the thirties. Neighbors and relatives were very helpful and the Haugens managed to weather the storm.

Today Mrs. Haugen has her home in Ryder. Donnell lives on the home farm; Weldon on the neighboring Grimes farm. Both sons have been active in political affairs; both have served in the state legislature, and this year Weldon is a candidate on the Non-Partisan League ticket for the office of State Auditor.

Margaret is now Mrs. Elmo Anderson living in Ruby, N. Dak.; Evelyn was killed in a highway accident in 1939, shortly after her marriage to Clyde Ziegler of Emmet. Ruth is married to Ray Ackerman of Fergus Falls, Minn. and is presently a supervisor in the state hospital there.

While she was employed in Washington, D. C., Doris married William Christ, now a Lt.-Col. in the U. S. Air Force. They are now stationed in Rabat, Morocco, North Africa; but Lt.-Col. Christ has been given an assignment for advanced officer training at a base near Montgomery, Alabama, and the Christs will return to this country late in the summer of this year.

Since Mrs. Haugen came to the Ryder area over fifty years ago, there have been many trials and tribulations. But there have been good and happy times, also. So, in good health at 73, with fourteen grandchildren, and hosts of friends, Stina (as she is known) feels that North Dakota has been good to her.

MRS. ANNA ROGERS

Mrs. Rogers was born at Vinstra, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway Nov. 8, 1888. In 1911 she came from Norway to Douglas, N. Dak. She was married to Ole O. Bryn in 1912. He was born at Vinstra, Norway. He came to the U. S. in 1903. He homesteaded a few miles west of Douglas. Mr. Bryn died in 1923. To Mr. and Mrs. Bryn were born two children, Mildred and Odin. The first year on the homestead after their marriage the Bryns lost by prairie fire their crop of flax already stacked.

In 1927 at Ryder she was married to Leslie A. Rogers. He died in 1937. They were in the restaurant business in Ryder from their marriage until the death of Mrs. Rogers. Except for two years in the restaurant business in Linton, N. Dak., Mrs. Rogers continued in that business in Ryder until her death in 1950.

Mrs. Rogers made a trip to Norway in 1929.

ARVID NORBERG

Arvid Norberg was born in Minnesota on May 27, 1883. His parents immigrated from Sweden when Arvid was a small boy. Arvid was raised in Minnesota and came to Ryder in 1906. In the spring of 1909 he secured his homestead which was his home for several years. Arvid was a great lover of horses, and to drive a team all decked out in rings and tassels was his pride.

After selling his farm to Martin Schurr he returned to Cambridge, Minnesota, where he has made his home since.

JOHN B. MAY

John May was born in Kentucky but later settled with his folks near Huron, S. Dak. After serving in the U. S. Army during the Spanish American War in the Philippine Islands, he returned to Huron where he married Edith Ford in March, 1900. In 1903 they, with their little daughter, traveled by covered wagon to Bottineau, where their son Charles was born that fall. After harvest was over there, they homesteaded on a farm about 14 miles S. W. of the present site of Ryder. In 1910 they moved to town where John held the Marshal's job for awhile and then served as Justice of the Peace. In 1911 he became janitor of the school and held that position until 1926. He passed on in 1940 at the age of 69.

Mrs. Edith May resides at 1010 La Bree, Thief River Falls, Minn. Of the children Elmer is deceased; Mrs. Ethel Strom, 2407 Riverside Drive, Beloit, Wis.; Charles, Grandview, Wash.; Clarence, 4110 S. Hydraulic, Wichita, Kan.; Lawrence, 613 Birch St., Newcastle, Wyo.; Edith Rivenes, 137 Cleghorn Canyon, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Eunice White, 10743 N. E. Skidmore, Portland 20, Oreg.; and Esther Jacobson, 144 Gemmel Ave., Bemidji, Minn.

MR. and MRS. JOHN SNIPPEN

John Snippen was born Dec. 1, 1880 at Cyrus, Pope County, Minnesota. Emma Lunden (Snippen) was born Sept. 14, 1877 in Lom Gudbrandsalen, Norway. In 1887, at the age of 10, she came with her parents to America. They were married Dec. 31, 1901 in Glenwood, Minnesota. They homesteaded at Roseglen July 9, 1902. Organization of the church took place in 1903. In the spring of 1904 the Snippens started the first Roseglen post-office and store in their home. The groceries for the store had to be freighted from Minot, which was a 3 day trip. The first night was spent at some homestead between Minot and Ryder; the second day they continued to Minot, got the needed supplies, and started back to spend the night at another home. The third day they reached home. The store and postoffice were a part of their home for 13 years, at that time the store was sold to Steven Olsen and Andy Anderson. The Snippen homestead was the site of the original Roseglen for 13 years until it was moved to its present site in 1917 when it was thought a railroad was being built through that area. Mr. and Mrs. Snippen and a man by the name of Glennon, who had come out there in the 1880's from Iowa, picked out the name Roseglen. The Snippens' children are Mrs. Irene Nelson, Julia (Mrs. Floyd Hill) and Myrtle, all of Minot. Lawrence and Maurice of Roseglen.

MR. and MRS. AAFEDT

The Aafedts were residents here for many years. Mr. Aafedt was a grain buyer here in the early days of the town. They moved away from Ryder in 1918.

OLE N. ROSTAD

Mr. Rostad was born at Vaage, Norway on Sept. 17, 1866. Came to the United States in 1889 at the age of 22 years. On March 20, 1894 Mr. Rosatd married Synne Kvale born in Lom, Norway on Dec. 16, 1869. This young couple farmed around Starbuck, Minnesota for 13 years prior to homesteading in McLean County, North Dakota in 1902 near Roseglen.

Sorrow and Dissappointment crossed this young couple's path in the years to come. In 1902 Mr. Rostad left his wife and 6 children while he came up to file on his homestead in McLean county and the following year had his family join him, Mrs. Rostad and 2 of the children became ill with Typhoid fever, the mother passed away after a week's illness of the dreaded disease. This left the six children motherless, but with the kind assistance of Aunt Kari and their good neighbors the family managed to get along. The Rostad home became a stopping place for other homesteaders who were travelling through that part of the county looking for land, as Mr. Rostad had built the first house in the neighborhood. The door latch was always open to any stranger who might be coming through, a real genuine pioneer spirit.

All the children are living, two still live in McLean County. Mrs. Jennie Hill of Washburn and Omar Rostad living on the home place. Anton Rostad in Minot, Mabel Harstad in Stanley, N. Dak., Edna Engvall in Minot, N. D., and Theodore in Farwell, Minnesota.

Mr. Rostad has been in failing health for the past several years. Three years ago he had the misfortune of breaking a hip so is at the present time a wheel-chair invalid, is being cared for at the home of his daughter Mrs. Jennie Hill at Washburn. In September of this year Mr. Rostad will reach the ripe all age of 90 years.

Mr. Rostad is a Charter Member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Roseglen organized in 1904.

MR. and MRS. JENS JENSEN

Mr. and Mrs. Jens P. Jensen with five children, Melvin, Lewis, Thea, Mary, and Pete came to their homestead northwest of Ryder October 1905, and where Melvin now lives. Ida and Harry who now live at Ryder, were born at the homestead place. Mrs. Jensen lives with them in Ryder. Mother Jensen is now 86 years old and has 11 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. When they moved to the homestead they came from Minot with teams and wagons with all the stock and belongings, which was a long and tiresome journey.

Lewis now lives at 1832 E. 7th St., St. Paul, Minnesota; Thea, Mrs. Hjalmer Nelson at 2373 W. 7th St., St. Paul; Mary, Mrs. Ted Wicklund at 1220 So. 168th, Seattle 88, Wash.; Ella, Mrs. Titus was also born at the homestead farm.

Mr. Jensen, Pete and Ella are deceased.

MR. and MRS. W. LEHTONEN

Waldemar Lehtonen was born in Finland in 1882. While a young lad, in 1902 he came to America reaching his destination in Bessemer, Mich. He was also in the state of Minnesota from where in 1904 he came to the Brocket and Lakota communities in North Dakota. While employed there he met Annie Kalliokoski who later became his bride. She was born in Finland in 1887 and came to the U.S.A. in 1896.

The fall of 1904 Waldemar decided to come to the Ryder community in Rice Lake township where he filed on a homestead. In 1906 he began farming. The following year he went back, but returned with his bride, both ready to share in the happiness and the hardships of those pioneer days.

In winter Waldemar hauled wheat to Ryder, leaving very early Monday mornings by team and sleigh, then arriving there in time for his oldest daughter (Martha) to be in school by nine o'clock as she accompanied him to be there attending High School.

On Fridays he was in town, ready to leave as soon as school was out, quite often, hauling a load of coal to the school in Rice Lake township.

They farmed on their farm until 1928 when they moved to Parlier, California where they reside at the present time. The oldest daughter Martha (Mrs. Elmer Lahti) and family live on the farm near Ryder. Viola (Mrs. A. H. Matson) and family, also Elma (Mrs. Claud Singleton) and family are in Reedley, California; Mamie (Mrs. Ernest Dibler) and family live in Napa, California; Doris (Mrs. Cary Ferrell) and family live in San Leandro, California; Delvun and family reside at Reedley, Calif.; and T. M. Lehtonen and family reside at Parlier, California.

JOHN J. HILL, SR.

John J. Hill was born in Sogn, Norway, Dec. 7, 1858 and was married to Johanna Johnson of Cyrus, Minn. Oct. 17, 1882. She was born at Chicago Dec. 30, 1864. After their marriage they moved to Mondovi, Wis. and resided there until 1897 when they moved to Cyrus, Minn., where they resided until the spring of 1903; they then moved to the homestead that he had filed on the summer of 1902 what is now called the Roseglen Township, residing there the remainder of his life. He died June 15, 1923, at the old homestead. Mrs. Hill passed on Dec. 19, 1955 at Minot and both are buried at the Old Roseglen Cemetery. At the time of her death they left 142 living descendants, 13 children, 39 grandchildren, 93 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren.

The 13 children: Melvin, Carl, Chris, Hilmer, Oliver, and Marie, all deceased; Minnie Welsh, Britt, Iowa, who homesteaded in Sec. 21, twp. 149, rge. 87; Ella Myers, 1332-1st St. S. E. and Clifford, 524-3rd St. N. W., both of Minot; William B. Hill, Velva; Floyd of Roseglen and 201-8th St. N. W., Minot; John of Washburn; and Arnold on the old home place near Roseglen.

MR. and MRS. JACOB ERB

Jacob Erb was born August 4, 1872 in Minnesota, where he grew to manhood and on November 22, 1893 married Isadore Furlong who was born June 18, 1871, and had also grown up in Minnesota.

They came to North Dakota in April, 1903 and homesteaded four and a half miles southwest of Ryder on the farm now owned by Floyd Johnson. Minot was the nearest town and lumber was hauled by horses for the buildings on the homestead.

Mr. Erb served in the North Dakota Legislature in 1917 to 1919.

Thirteen children were born to this union; eleven boys and two girls; The eldest boy passed away in infancy; Kenneth was killed accidentally riding a horse in April, 1921 at the age of eleven years; and Howard was killed in service in July, 1945.

Mr. Erb passed away in December, 1927 at the age of 55 and Mrs. Erb passed away in March, 1948 at the age of 77.

The surviving children reside as follows: Lawrence of Washington, Clifford of Jamestown, N. Dak., Hubert of Garrison, N. Dak., Clayton of Ryder, Everett of Wisconsin, Roland of California, Eugene of Iowa, Wayne of Minot, N. Dak., Emma of Oregon, and Helen of Minot, N. Dak.

DR. and MRS. W. M. HUBLER

Dr. W. M. Hubler was born in Tylersville, Pa., in 1868. He graduated from Lock Haven normal school and Pennsylvania State College of Dental Surgery at Philadelphia. He practiced in several North Dakota towns, coming from Park River, North Dakota to Minot. It was there he married Edith Holmes from Park River, No. Dak.

True Pioneers, they left Minot to prove up a claim in the Rice Lake area. During this period Dr. Hubler traveled up and down the Soo Line practicing dentist, and later located in the newly formed town of Ryder. A daughter Catherine Ann (Peggy) was born in 1912.

Dr. Hubler was a nature lover and this trait inspired him to plant many of Ryder's trees. His hobbies were hunting, fishing, photography, and farming. The Hublers both enjoyed pets. Mrs. Hubler assisted her husband in his office and yet found time to be active in community affairs. Her main interest was music, others were painting and the making of hooked rugs. Her later years were spent in reading and letter writing.

Dr. Hubler's son joined him in his practice in 1926. He moved back to Tylersville, Pa. in 1931, where he passed away in 1937. After a number of years Mrs. Hubler left Tylersville for Pittsburgh. She made her home with her daughter Mrs. Earl High until her death in May, 1955.

HERMAN RETEMEIRE, homesteaded several miles S. E. of Ryder in Cameron Township and passed away Sept. 8, 1939.

MR. and MRS. GUST WOHLK

Gus Wohlk was born May 26, 1870 in Germany. When he was a young man he was personal guard for Hindenburg. When he was released from service, he came at once to America, and for a time worked in the woods and on farms. He came to N. Dak., in 1901 and filed on a claim in 1902 — a few miles S.W. of where Ryder now is. Some time later he met and married Minnie Fredrickson, and five boys were born to this union. Mrs. Wohlk passed away when the boys were very young.

On March 3, 1913 Mr. Wohlk married Ragna Bakken. To this marriage three boys were born—Rudolph, Henry and Lewis. The older boys attended school at Hiddenwood in Ward county, and drove a team and sleigh in the winter.

On March 16, 1920 the boys left for school as usual; it was snowing in the morning, but not very cold, however, during the day the storm became very bad and the temperature dropped. The boys were sure they could make their way home from school since they were used to driving. On their way home when crossing a stretch of ice the horses broke through in a couple feet of water, there they stopped and refused to go any farther. The two small boys curled up in the bottom of the sleigh; Ernest tried to unhitch the horses, but couldn't and Adolph started to walk home. The folks began to worry about the boys and started out to look for them. Adolph was found a short distance from the house, where he had become exhausted and badly frozen, and fallen in the snow. They carried him in the house, but he passed away only a few minutes later. The other three boys were found near the sleigh, frozen to death, about a mile from home. The boys were Adolph 14, Ernest 13, Sorn 10, and Herman 9.

Walter, the oldest of the eight boys resides in California, Lewis passed away before he became of school age, Rudolph is in Missoula, Montana, and Henry is on the farm home.

Mr. Wohlk passed away May 23, 1951. Mrs. Wohlk is still living in Minot.

JOHN HILL

John Hill was born at Mondovi, Wis. the 26th of August, 1883, came to N. Dak. year 1904 and homesteaded, which is now owned by his brother Floyd. He was married to Lena Kerzman the 11th of Nov., 1908 and farmed until he was elected County Judge of McLean County in 1934 and has been County Judge ever since. Mrs. Hill passed away in 1945 and Mr. Hill still resides at Washburn.

He tells of having a threshing outfit and hauling grain to Ryder with the tractor with seven loads of grain or about 1,100 bushels to the trip but he went broke at farming — selling 25 cent wheat and 9 cent a pound for butter fat.

His children's names are as follows: Ervin, Route 2, Bismarck; Gladys Keck of Washburn; and La Verne Mitmoen of Canton, S. Dak.

MR. and MRS. OLOF ANDERSON

as told by Mrs. Alex Halseide

Father and Mother were born in Norway, and grew up there. My father was 16 when he left Norway, and my mother was 18. They were married in Emmetsburg, Iowa, and lived there until father homesteaded in 1906-seven miles northeast of Ryder.

We, the family, did not come to N. D. until 1907. We came by train to Minot and dad met us there with a lumber wagon and team of horses, this was July 7, 1907. I can still remember how hot the sun was, and no shade anywhere.

When we first came to our new home, there was no school, so we didn't go to school that first year. The next year they hired a teacher and got a few desks and we had school in a sod shack. It was really quite an adventure for us as we had always gone to town school.

It was in the spring of 1908 that Ryder had a celebration of some kind. I went with my friend and her parents. There was an Indian war dance. I'd never seen Indians before, and they scared me most to death. I think one of the Indians must have realized it, as every time he came by he'd swing his tomahawk at me. I suppose I would have run if I could have gotten out of the crowd.

I can also remember going to church with oxen, the awful blizzards, and prairie fires that would leave the country side black for miles and miles.

We were all confirmed in St. John's Lutheran church by Rev. Stockdahl.

There were seven children in our family, namely: Carston, Art, and Harold are deceased. The other four are Hazel, Mildred, Lief and Hoffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson passed away several years ago.

MR. and MRS. OLAF HJELMSTAD

Olaf Hjelmstad was born in Goodhue County, Minn., on April 3, 1879 and grew to manhood in the Grand Forks vicinity. He filed on a homestead four miles south of the present site of Ryder in 1902 on the 30th of July.

Augusta Hofstad was born March 26, 1886 in Norway, and came at the age of six to America. They were married March 7th, 1905 at the Holmes Church near Grand Forks. They are Charter members of the St. John's Lutheran Church. The names and addresses of their children are as follows: Louie of Daly City, Calif., Arnold of Glenburn, N. Dak., Helen (Mrs. George Shubert) New Town, N. Dak., Olive (Mrs. Walter Richter) Hibbing, Minn., Duane and Kenneth of Grand Forks, N. Dak.

They bought a home and moved to Ryder in 1944, and later sold their farm. Olaf Hjelmstad passed away October 27, 1954 at the age of 75.

MR. and MRS. L. R. ROSBERG

L. R. Rosberg was born in Bismarck, North Dakota and raised on the farm in McLean county near Underwood. He worked for Coleharbor Lumber Co. in Garrison and later was transferred to their yard in Ryder which later became the Hallansworth Hart Lumber Co. In 1913 Hallansworth-Hart sold to Langworthy Lumber Company and April 22nd, 1914 it became the L. R. Rosberg Lumber Company.

Mrs. Rosberg was born in Ransom county, North Dakota and was married to Mr. Rosberg in 1911. They had two children - Arlyn and Robert, both born in Ryder, both are married, both have families and live in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Rosberg passed away in 1918. In 1920 Mrs. Rosberg sold to the Dakota Lumber Co.-Connors, Grace, and Wertzler. She left Ryder and moved to Enderlin where she lived for a few years. For the past several years she has made her home in Seattle.

Mrs. Rosberg tells how in the year of 1906 she and her sister, Mrs. Fred Carell purchased homestead relinquishments, and there being no improvements on her place they both moved into Mrs. Rosbergs shack until Mrs. Carells shack was finished. The shack they lived in was so open they could really see stars. The walls were sod, but the roof was boards with wide cracks between each one. They tried to get some one to shingle their roof but was unable to find someone to do it so they decided to do it themselves, and a fine job they did. The day after they completed their job there was a snow storm and their roof did not leak, so from then and on they stayed warm and dry.

MR. and MRS. T. E. THOMPSON

Tollag E. Thompson was born and raised near Stavanger, Norway, July 21, 1862. He came to United States in early 90's and worked as a painter in the summer and in the woods in the winter time.

His wife Rachel was born and raised near Stavanger, Norway also. She and her sister Anna. (Mrs. O. T. Semmen) came to the United States in 1895. She married Mr. Thompson Jan. 7, 1902 at Eden, Minnesota. In 1903 they came to N. Dak. and homesteaded near Ryder in Rice Lake Township where the children grew up. Their first night in N. Dak. on way out to their homestead they slept under a wagon box. Mr. Thompson held Township and school offices for many years. In 1944, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson moved to Carlton, Oregon. In October 1954 Mr. Thompson passed away at the age of 92 years.

They had six children. Two boys and four girls. They are: Ellis A. Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Ruth Smiley of British Columbia, Canada; Mrs. May Brown of Roseburg, Oregon; Mrs. Ella Stephens of Roseburg, Oregon; Mrs. Lillie Brown of Carlton, Oregon and Norman Thompson of Springfield, Oregon.

REV. WM. W. GRAHAM and FAMILY

In the spring of 1906 Rev. Wm. W. Graham began his work with the Presbyterian Churches of Ryder and Hiddenwood. He was of Scottish descent, and a graduate of Knox College, Toronto, Canada, and of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago.

His family arrived in Minot, and were driven in farm wagons from Hiddenwood across country to a small vacant house on the Baker ranch, near Ryder. The family were Mrs. Graham, Anna, William, Edgar and George. Some of them remember that the boxes of bedding and kitchen utensils and tools neutralized the value of the spring seats in the nice new wagon of Mr. Brigham of Hiddenwood.

Rev. Graham had filed on land south of Ryder but soon learned the land he had filed on was not the land he had been shown. He decided to try to make the best of it, and after camping on the land and picking up piles of rocks all summer, on November 16th the family moved into the start of a stone house. The first blizzard of that year began the same day, and the roads that year were packed 4 and 6 feet deep, and they were one-way roads.

The family saw no neighbors for four months, but Rev. Graham went through the storms and cold weather to serve at funerals, weddings, baptisms, and the church services. In the spring a church and Sunday School were organized in Rev. Graham's home, where they met until the new school house was built, and finally Mt. Zion Church was built.

As soon as they were old enough, or sooner, the children tried to earn money for farm equipment. Bill, though small for his age, pitched bundles, and broke sod with oxen at age 13. Ed was mechanical minded, and ran his own threshing outfit at age 18. Anna took teachers' exams, and taught school in the area for five years. She also gave piano lessons in Ryder on weekends. George had barely worked his way through Ryder High School when World War I began. All the children worked their own way through school, as their parents had done. Mrs. Graham, (Mary Alice), kept the home warm and comfortable, clothes washed and ironed, food cooked with a fire of "buffalo chips" or lignite coal.

All the boys joined the military forces in World War I. It was during this time of worry and trouble that Rev. Graham had his first stroke of paralysis. George passed away during the flu epidemic.

Anna had moved to Jamestown to teach. With no boys left to work the farm, Rev. and Mrs. Graham went to Jamestown to live with their daughter.

Bill is an attorney at law and home builder in Omaha. He has one son.

Edgar founded a flying school at Sioux City and trained many pilots for World War II. He died unexpectedly in 1951, leaving his wife, Lena, daughter of another Ryder pioneer family,

3 sons, and 4 grandchildren. The sons are carrying on the flying service.

Anna Graham Rasmussen, now living in Oregon, is the wife of a Savings and Loan executive, has one son, and two grandchildren.

Rev. and Mrs. Graham lived in her home at the time of their deaths, at ages 77, and 72, with the sons bearing the medical and burial expenses. Their graves are in the Ryder cemetery, along with the younger son, George.

PETER ERB FAMILY

Peter F. Erb was born Sept. 2, 1867 in Winona Co., Minn. His family moved to Cass Co., N. Dak. near Page, in the 1880's where they homesteaded. At that time, for planting trees, a family was allowed a second quarter of land, called a "tree claim".

Annie E. Robertson was born in St. Cloud, Minn. July 10, 1872. Her family moved to Fargo, when it was but a village. She used to tell how she and her sister had to wear knee boots in the spring when going to school, for it was swampy there. Later, after high school, she attended Teachers College at St. Cloud and later taught school at Bemidji, Minn. for two years. At this time, a friend of hers taught school near the Erb home and thus she met Peter.

They were married in Fargo on March 15, 1898 and lived on the home farm for a year or so, where Peter was farming. Hallie Rose and Donald were born in Fargo, while the family lived in Cass Co.

In 1901, the family moved to northern Washington, near the now famous Wenatchee Valley, where they had shares in a silver mine that never developed. While there, Grace Elizabeth was born in Jan., 1902. In 1903 sometime, they all moved back to No. Dak. to Hunter where Peter worked with his brother, Elias, in a farm implement business.

About 1905, they moved to Old Ryder, where the two brothers conducted the same business. Here Peter built the house, that was later moved to his homestead 13 miles south of Ryder in the summer of 1906. That was an interesting procession, the house up on two wagons pulled with horses, with some farm equipment attached behind. Toward the end was a spring wagon containing the family and the family cow bringing up the rear.

The house was set on its present site. Some breaking was done yet that summer and trees planted from seed right in the furrow, but later transplanted. An orchard was built up through the years. The four younger children were born on this farm.

In 1924, the family moved to Bonner, Montana and established a home there and worked in the sawmill. Hallie Rose was married that summer and remained in No. Dak.

The Erb family later moved to a farm in the Bitter-root Valley south of Missoula, Mont. and lived there a number of years. But they spent their last years in Missoula, living with Elsie

and family. Mother Erb passed away in 1942 and was buried in Missoula. Dad passed away some over a year later, while living with Donald in Portland, Ore., but was buried in Missoula. All the children of the family are living.

Donald Erb lives at 6035 N. E. Alberta St. in Portland, Ore. and works as a long-shoresman there; they have a family of four girls and one son.

Grace, Mrs. John Franzen, lives in Milltown, Mont. They own a home and are retired, after raising a family of five girls and four boys.

Robert lives at 705 Pearson St., Walla Walla, Wash., works as an Army Engineer there. They have a family of three boys and two girls.

Philip has no permanent home. He is a heavy construction worker at various dam projects in the West, at present at The Dallas, Ore. They have no children.

Elsie, Mrs. Elsie Neuton, lives at 13413 Div. St., Portland, Ore. She suffered an attack of polio in 1952, with resulting paralysis of her legs and finds it hard to do much but her housework. But she does think she is improving and keeps quite cheerful. She has four sons and two girls, the two older sons being married.

Fannie, Mrs. Harvey Clyde, the youngest, lives at St. Regis, Mont. in the timber country. She has two girls and two boys, all still in school.

And Hallie Shafer, the eldest, lives near Roseglen, on a farm with a family of three sons and two girls - two sons are married.

MR. and MRS. BEN ROSENBERG

Ben Rosenberg was born in Germany, and came to this country when 15 years old. Several years later, while in Chicago he met and married a girl who had also come from Germany several years before. Mr. Rosenberg had a store in Wisconsin for some time, but later was at Ryder where he had a store and also homesteaded land out of Makoti. After a period of time the Rosenberg traded their land here for a business in Minneapolis and did very well. Their later years were spent in California — where they both passed away. The Rosenberg children are: Irene Mandel of 408 S Cochran Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. R. Balsukot of Los Angeles 5, California.

DR. and MRS. GRANGAARD

The Grangaards were residents of Ward County for 32 years. They came to Douglas in 1911 and lived there for 10 years and then moved to Ryder to spend 22 years in Ryder. Mr. Grangaard was a doctor in both Douglas and Ryder. They left Ryder in July, 1943. Their children are: Lawrence and Donald. Mrs. Grangaard makes her home at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Grangaard passed away a few years after leaving Ryder.

J. C. HOPKINS

James C. Hopkins and wife Millie were born and raised in Indiana and were married March 20, 1881. About 1900 Mr. Hopkins came to Minot and vicinity near Lansford but in 1902 filed on his homestead 11 miles south and 1½ miles west of Ryder, building a 10' x 12' sod shack.

The family stayed in Indiana until 1905 when they came to Minot and on to the farm by team and wagon. Having no fences it is told the two cows were tied to rocks at night and herded during the day.

Mr. Hopkins was an early day thrasher. Art Landon, one of the pioneers still living, makes this remark "No flax field was too small or the miles too many for Jim to move his rig to thrash the small crop.

Mrs. Hopkins was a great quilt maker and many a bed has one of her beautiful quilts on it.

The first school the children attended was in the Ole Lunden sod shack and then in the Manfred Smith home with Mrs. Smith as teacher.

In 1931 they celebrated their Golden Wedding at the Mt. Zion Church, south of Ryder. In 1940 Mr. Hopkins passed away and Mrs. Hopkins in 1946. Nine children were born to this wedlock; Enock and Allie Still, deceased; Pearl Trueblood Johnson and Minnie Denker of Garrison, Mae Tesdel of Seattle, Wash.; Lena Graham of Iowa; Kay, Glen and Ervin of Ryder.

DANIEL J. CASLEY

Mr. Casley, born in S. Dak., May 4, 1882, homesteaded in the Ryder vicinity in 1903 and conducted a blacksmith shop there for many years. After leaving Ryder, he lived in Minot where his wife, the former Elizabeth McDonnel passed away in 1926. While in Minot he was employed by the International Harvester Company. At the age of 61, he passed away after receiving head injuries in a fall where he had worked as a mechanic at Mapleton and at Casselton for the past 12 years.

At the time of his death in 1943, he was survived by a brother, John who had moved from Ryder to Etzikom, Alberta, Canada in 1908 and a sister, Lulu Spilde of Baldwin, Long Island. Two other brothers, Bernard and Hugh who also lived in Ryder for several years, are deceased.

JOSEPH MUELLER (Father of John D. Mueller)

Mr. Mueller homesteaded N. E. of Ryder east of Old Ryder (Centerville) in 1902. He had been through the country before that, on to Montana back to Wisconsin, and back to N. Dak. to homestead. He originally came from Wis.

During early days he did some freighting with William McLaughlin from Minot and Garrison.

MR. and MRS. GETTLE

as told by Wilson Gettle and Leona Brandt

Our parents and we children, together with an older brother of our father — Martin E. Gettle — his wife, who was our mother's sister, and their two boys — Harry and John — left South Dakota and came to North Dakota together, to take up a homestead in 1902.

Uncle Mart's homestead buildings were set up first, and we all lived together at their place that first Winter. Our coal was hauled from the mines that Winter, and our groceries from Minot. The fact that we had bought some mules for use on the farm, because we had heard that they were the best animals for farm work, made these long trips in winter especially difficult, since their small hoofs sink into the snow much more easily than the broader hoof of horses.

Because the menflok had never lived on the farm before, they had had no experience in such matters. They were both painters and paper hangers by trade, and the short period of the season each year for earning a living at this work had much to do with their desire to become established on a farm, where there was occupation the year around. In the early years though, they, with Thomas Mahoney, who was a mason by trade and lived $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from our uncle's place, went to Minot to work in the summers and the women and children "held down the claims".

There were many hard experiences during those early years — among them being the time the menfolks went to Minot that first Winter, and a bad storm came up when they were on their way home. They got lost and their delay caused the women much anxiety, both over the men and because we were almost out of food. We still had some flour left, a few onions and some lard, but as we remember it, that was all, except that one of the two cows our uncle had gave some milk. We can still remember the women's serious talk about what they should do if the men didn't return, and the men worried over the folks at home too. I believe now that Hornings were our nearest neighbors that Winter, but don't know if the folks knew it at that time, or not.

There are some humorous experiences to remember also, to help balance the serious. One of these had to do with some little pigs the men brought home for us to raise one summer. They built a pen of stones to keep the pigs in, and went back to Minot. The next morning when we got up, we found our pigs gone. We went over to our aunt's — two miles away — to tell them of our misfortune, and found that theirs had disappeared, too. We hitched up a team and all went out, together with Mrs. Mahoney, to hunt the pigs. After a while Mrs. Mahoney suddenly exclaimed in a shocked tone: "Oh, Mrs. Gettle your pigs have gone down a hole!" After discussing this point for a bit, we decided it must have been a badger, so continued our journey. It has always been a conundrum to us, as to how we ever found those little pigs on that vast prairie, but we did.

Our mother was born at Wausau, Wis. on Aug. 29, 1875, and later the family moved to South Dakota, where she lived most of the time before her marriage. She spent some time at dress making and millinery work before marrying our father in 1894 at Windside, Neb. Two children were born to their union — Leona, on Jan. 3, 1895, now living with her husband on a farm near McHenry, N. Dak., and Wilson, on Feb. 16, 1896, now living at New Rockford, N. Dak. Carl, who suffered a stroke this Spring, is presently staying with a daughter who lives in Fargo, to be near medical assistance. He is improving at this time.

Our mother died while on the farm on Dec. 2, 1923, at the age of 48.

Our father was born on June 4, 1869 at Bryan, Ohio. At an early age, he moved with his parents to Chapman, Neb. His later years were spent in Ryder with his second wife, who had been Lorith Heath before her marriage to him. He died at Ryder on May 16, 1941 at the age of 71.

WRITTEN BY JOHN P. KERZMAN

I was born in Lyon County, Marshall, Minnesota the 17th day of January, 1886.

In 1903, we moved to Coleharbor and the following spring, in 1904, we settled on my mother's homestead in Blackwater Township. Our father had passed away and my mother was left to rear a family of 5 boys and 4 girls. My mother is still living and is a resident of the Anderson Nursing Home in Minot. Two brothers are still living, Andrew of Roseglen and Henry of Blackwater Township and 2 sisters living, Mrs. Gretchen Peterson of Emmet and Mrs. Annie House of Idaho.

In 1906, I filed on my present homestead in Roseglen, N. Dak.

In 1910, I married Marie Hill and we became the parents of two children, Glenn of Turtle Lake and Mrs. Lloyd Golden of Vancouver, Wash.

After the death of my first wife, I married Hildur Kvale in 1917 and we became the parents of 10 children. They are Harold of Kalispell, Montana; Hildur (Mrs. Arthur) Gartner of Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Pearl (Mrs. Richard) Kolden of Roseglen; Thelma (Mrs. Earl) Rickertt, Arthur, Robert, Harland and Dennis of Minot and Clinton and Richard at home.

I am a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Roseglen. I served on the school board for 6 years and was a township supervisor for 6 years.

One of the incidents I recall was the winter of 1906 when the railroad was snow bound and coal was desperately needed in Ryder. A group of men hauled coal from the Missouri River Mine to Ryder. We would start early in the morning and would arrive in Ryder in the evening.

JOHN S. JOHNSON published Ryder news for 2 years before the town of Ryder was laid out.

ARTHUR A. SEYMOUR

as told by his step-daughter Mrs. Ver Cunningham

Among the pioneers in the Ryder area was a tall strong man of dark complexion known as "Art Seymour". He arrived sometime before the town of Ryder was moved to its present site. He homesteaded on the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 12, Township 151 W., range 86 N.

In 1907 his uncle, Alfred Seymour received a patent on the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 11, which he and his family homesteaded. Later they purchased the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section, but they returned to Nebraska after a short time. Arthur Seymour bought their half section, building his home about 1914, one half mile directly east of town.

Arthur Seymour was born in 1874 in Ontario, Canada. He left his home when he was 13 years old and was reared in South Dakota by an aunt. He attended rural school but his classroom education ended early. However, his learning never ceased. He read widely on a great variety of subjects, even to the day of his death. When radio came, he was one of the first to install one in his home. He had a radio before he ever owned an automobile, shortly after hearing a radio in Ole Olness' store. By reading and listening, he always kept in touch with changing times. He was particularly interested in the progress of medicine and read everything he found on the subject.

In early days he raised good, big work horses. He was very fond of his first brood mare, whom he called Babe. One of his outstanding characteristics was the good care and feeding he gave all his livestock. In return he expected them to work well for him and they did. For a man to mistreat or neglect his horses was in his estimation a sin; and a youngster who was caught teasing his horses was in great disfavor. Very sadly it was that he sold his teams in order to buy his first tractor but he knew times were changing.

Art was a bachelor until at the age of 45, he married my mother, who had been a widow for thirteen years. She and I came to Ryder on the train with him from Nebraska, arriving on February 23, 1920. The country was new and strange to us but soon became "home", because it was his home. Two children were born, my mother being attended at home by Dr. Griffin. They were Melvern, always called "Bud", and "Bettina", known as Betty.

Through the depression years life was difficult but mother was naturally very thrifty and never complained; and dad never thought of giving up. He was a part of the land. In 1935, Mrs. Seymour died of pneumonia at the age of 52 years. A few years later and the new drugs could certainly have saved her life. This was even before the use of sulfanilimide, one of the earliest.

After her second year in high school Art's daughter Betty visited my husband and me where we were living in Iowa. She remained with us to finish high school and a year of college. Then

she was married to Noel McKinley of Chariton, Iowa, where she still lives with her husband and two children.

Mr. Seymour and Melvern lived alone for many years after this. Dad was the housekeeper and a good cook. Bud was a comfort to him and his father was patient in teaching him to farm well. Melvern was active in the work of Boy Scouts and 4-H. In his last year of farming he was chosen for an award for soil conservation, an award which neither he nor his father lived to see.

On December 2, 1951, Melvern was crushed to death beneath a large caterpillar type tractor which he was operating. He was thirty-one years old and unmarried; his sudden death shocked the community. His father was in Trinity Hospital at the time suffering with a bad case of shingles. The tragic news shook him but his strong pioneer spirit was used to adversity. This blow, however, he could not understand.

My husband and I moved here from South Dakota, and when Dad was able he came home from the hospital. He set himself the task of showing my husband "the ropes" of North Dakota farming. For some years he had suffered from leukemia but his determination and cooperation with the doctors prolonged his life. On the eve of a trip to the doctor for a check-up, which seemed satisfactory, a blood clot caused his death, on March 25, 1952. He was seventy-seven years old. Another pioneer had gone to a new country. Rev. Jack Zerwas of Minot Presbyterian Church gave the meditation at the funeral service. He understood his friends' love of the land, and he said, "Today a farmer walks o'er the fields of heaven".

MR. And MRS. FRED OLSON

Fred Olson, early settler of Ryder, was born in 1871 in Denmark. He came to the United States at the age of seventeen, and located at Stewart, Minnesota. He married Lena Hansen in 1896. They farmed for some years near Stewart. In 1905 they came to Dakota and a year later filed on land one quarter mile south of the present Ryder townsite. Mr. Olson also had a land office in Ryder in the early hundreds, and later ran one of the grain elevators. Eventually he decided to acquire more land so from then on devoted his full time to farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson were the parents of twelve children namely: Marion (Mrs. Lyle L. Smith) Harlowton, Mont.; Mamie (Mrs. Mamie Johnson) 3411 Oakley St., Rockford, Illinois; Ethel (Mrs. Al Blasius) 955, B. St. San Mateo, California; Mabel (Mrs. James B. Flynn) 3411 Oakley St. Rockford, Illinois; Viola (Mrs. I. O. Opheim) 672 - Yuba Street, Richmond, California; Constance Olson, 9319 East Dark St., Pico, California; Chester and Arthur of Max, N. Dak.; Ernest of Ryder, Harry of Oneida, Wisconsin; and Fred Jr. and Harlan who are deceased. Mrs. Olson passed away in 1935 and Mr. Olson in 1954.

MR. and MRS. STEVE OLSON

When examining the old records of this community to discover the names of the men who early saw the possibilities of this territory and who had the courage of their convictions to come here and stick, we find Steve Olson is one which we often encounter, for he is one of the few who came here when this town was in its infancy.

On the 7th of August in 1905, he came to old Ryder, freighting his goods and supplies across from Minot as was the custom in those days. A Mr. L. P. Larson and Steve bought out a store that was located at that place and immediately went into business. Mr. Larson had a homestead 2 miles west of Old Ryder.

In 1905, Steve filed on a claim, and on July 19, 1906 they bought a lot at the auction, and as Mr. Olson had loads of lumber and carpenters at hand, building operations began within 15 minutes after they purchased their lot. Thus he continued in business in Ryder until 1931 when he closed out his mercantile business.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Olson namely: Elmira of Calif., Joseph of Fargo, Arthur who is deceased, Richard of New Mexico, and Sherman of Georgia.

Mrs. Olson passed away in 1927. Several years later Mr. Olson remarried and in August, 1933 they moved to Fargo, N. D. where he became a casket salesman; also had a sideline for the Durham Mfg. Corp. of Muncie, Indiana, and is still in their employ as salesman for North and South Dakota, eastern Montana, and western Minnesota.

MR. And MRS. WALTER HANSEN

Walter Hansen was born in Denmark on December 17, 1870. He came to the United States at the age of twenty-six settling first at Chicago and later going to Creston, Illinois where he worked as a farm hand.

Elizabeth Masser was born February 14, 1877 in Germany and came to the United States at the age of nineteen. She was united in marriage to Walter Hansen in Chicago, on November 10, 1899. They made their home in Chicago for three years, and then moved to Swea City, Iowa where they lived for ten years. Mr. Hansen came to Ryder N. Dak., in the fall of 1912 and bought a farm from George Esiel of Minot, N. Dak., which is located four miles east of Ryder. He then returned to Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen and the children came to N. Dak., in the spring of 1913, to make their home.

Six children were born to this union namely: Elmer W. of Ryder, Arthur who lives on the farm, Mrs. Albert Nordlum (Ellen) of Douglas, N. Dak., Mrs. Karl Wahl (Hilda) of Bakersfield, California and Mrs. Arthur Haugen (Martha) of Alamo, N. Dak. One son Waldemar passed away in 1953. Mr. Hansen passed away on May 22, 1925, and Mrs. Hansen on May 17, 1927.

PAT and RUSSELL KELLY

Pat and Russell Kelly left Minot with Jim Lefferson, as guide, for the new town of Ryder on the 25th of July—6 days after the town site was old. They built their shack the first week. Mrs. Pat Kelly and her 2 babies came to Ryder a day later on the mail coach. She arrived on one of the beautiful long July evenings for which N. D. is well known. Russells family stayed in Minot for about 2 months before coming to Ryder.

Mrs. Pat Kelly lives in Minot at the present. She has two daughters Mrs. Demaris Simon of Minot and Mrs. Lois Helenvig of Lansford, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly who were originally from Selina, Ohio were the proprietors of the first restaurant built on the present townsite. Construction of the building was begun on Friday, July 27, 1906 and served its first meal to 35 men on Saturday noon, July 28, scarcely more than 24 hours after work on the frame building had begun.

The town lot sale of the present townsite was held on Thursday, July 19, 1906 and one week later when the Kellys and their two children came they brought groceries, lumber and incidentals necessary to begin business.

In that first frame building were two long tables stretching almost the entire length of the room, with benches on both sides. At the end of the building were two crates, one containing a large mirror belonging to Mrs. Kelly, and the other her sewing machine. The tops of these crates served as her kitchen tables, and the gas stove was jammed in the narrow remaining space.

MRS. ROSE IRICK

Mrs. Rose Irick was born at Warren, Indiana, July 9, 1881 and came to Ryder, N. Dak. on April 9, 1908, one day before her son Victor, was six years old. She began working at the local telephone office in the spring of 1909 where she was employed until about 1928. Victor played baseball for Ryder and Roseglen as well as many other towns on the Soo Line. He attended the University of Minnesota for three years as a pre-medical student. Victor was married June 20, 1926, to Mamie A. Payne who taught school in McLean and Ward Counties for five years. Their first daughter, Lois Jean, was born at Ryder, May 12, 1927. She received her B. S. Degree at the University of Washington in 1948 and her M. D. at the U. of Wash., medical school in 1951, at the age of 24.

Dr. Irick is now a resident physician at the San Diego County Hospital in California, where she is specializing in obstetrics. Their second daughter, Joyce Lee, is now married to Edward T. Collver who is a third year music student at Central Washington College at Ellensburg, Washington. They have one child Daniel Edward.

Mrs. Irick came to Seattle, Washington, in 1944, where she was employed at the Western Union until her death in September, 1946.

MEMORIES OF BLUE HILL

as told by Ole Anderson

Christ and Joe Linnertz established a cattle ranch in McLean County. There they built a log cabin and cattle sheds. They raised both cattle and horses. That was in the eighteen nineties, and when the homesteaders came in 1902, and dotted the prairie with shacks, the range was so obstructed that Christ hooked his horse power to a walking breaking plow and turned the sod over the same as the homesteaders did, and tried to raise crops. The ranchers tried to discourage crop raising by saying, "It is pretty hard for it to rain out here", The Indians would say, "White man turn wrong side up".

Later school districts were organized and Christ Linnertz was elected to serve on the board. School was held in shacks in the townships. In 1907 Blue Hill built their first school house. Christ Linnertz, being a stone mason, together with Pete Johnson, built the basement walls. The building was a frame structure which burned down early one March morning in 1917. The brick school house was built that summer, but on August 15, 1928 a bad storm swept the country and did considerable damage to this lovely school building.

Christ Linnertz served as chairman of the first Blue Hill township board. At the meeting when the township was organized it was suggested that the land mark be named. There is a rise in the formation of the land, to the southeast corner of the township and under certain weather conditions it appears blue, and so Blue Hill township got its name.

When that fearful snowstorm and blizzard hit this country on the 12th of September in 1903, and raged all day, into the night of the 13th, Mr. Linnertz had his cattle in sheds so they were safe, but in general, ranch cattle were out on the prairie. They drifted along with the storm and right into whatever happened to be ahead. That is what happened in the alkali Lake at Blue Hill. On the morning of the 13th the storm had subsided. Christ noticed many cattle in the mire of Mud Lake by his place; so he got word to the few settlers around; they in turn collected ropes and chains and with a good team of horses, cowboys, and their lariat ropes they managed to tie the ropes together and make them long enough to reach the cattle. They pulled one by one out of the mire, working all day and into the night. There were twenty-five still alive and fifty that had frozen to death. Seventy-five all together were found in the lake.

MR. and MRS. KNUTE KOPANG

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kopang were born in Hollingdahl, Norway. He had a jewelry store in Ryder in the early nineteen hundreds.

They were married in 1908. They had two children who are Marian of Fargo and a son Victor. When leaving Ryder the Kopangs moved to Fessenden and later to Fargo.

MEMORIES OF RYDER

By Mrs. H. E. Mielke

Remembrances crowd in of the many happy days we spent while at Ryder. They were the happiest days of our lives for the children grew up there and we loved our home and friends.

Will I ever forget the work in the Presbyterian Church with the children and young people, and the beautiful park around which Ryder was built.

Ryder will also remind me of the hours spent on the school-board for twelve years and guiding with the school board the destinies of our growing children, for eleven years as president of the board. The time was well spent.

I am reminded of the time at Ryder when my late husband, Mr. H. E. Mielke, was president of the community club and the business men of Ryder took a tour through the Badlands. Mr. Fredeen was keenly interested in the promotion of a highway to the coast through Ryder. He thought that oil and gold would surely be discovered eventually in North Dakota.

My husband, Mr. H. E. Mielke, who was an attorney in North Dakota for many years, loved the west and his home there.

The children's addresses and names are: Mrs. J. H. Grostephan (Ruth Joyce Mielke) Waterville, Minn.; Dr. Robert H. E. Mielke, Emory, Virginia; Mrs. John W. Harris, (Jean Marie) Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Mielke passed away in the year 1946. Mrs. Mielke is a corresponding secretary for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

MR. and MRS. OLE LUNDEN

Ole J. Lunden was born on Aug. 1, 1882, the youngest child of John and Julia Lunden, came with his 6 older brothers and sisters and parents from Norway at the age of 5 years — they went to Minn. and later to Roseglen where he met and married Zella May Long, who was born Feb. 2, 1888, the youngest of 3 children of Mrs. Elizabeth Long. She was born at Swea City, Iowa and came to Wabek, N. Dak. where Mrs. Long had a hotel. Ole Lunden and Zella Long were married April 9, 1910 at Roseglen where they made their home on a farm 4 miles from Roseglen. To them were born 4 children, Edwin, Lois, Irene, and Alta. Mrs. Lunden died March 7, 1927 at the age of 39. The family moved to Ryder in the fall of 1929 where Ole was manager of the Coop. Creamery. He lived there until 1942 when he moved to Great Falls, Mont. where he lived until his death Dec. 13, 1944.

Elwin Lunden is married and living in Chinook, Montana.

June is married to Otto Hallan of Ryder and is living at La Crescenta, California.

Alta is married to Ever Hanson and lives at Oberon, N. Dak.

Lois is married to Paul Rismoen and lives at Thief River Falls, Mont.

Written by John Enright

I came to Ryder April, 1905 and filed on 160 acres, Sec. 24-151-87. I sold this to Nelson Land Co. in 1910. Mr. Hungate bought it from them. In 1912 I bought S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 13-151-87, I still own this land.

When Ryder lots were sold July, 1906 I bought two lots, one of them I built the Feed Store and Mill. I think my store was the 13th building finished in town. I sold the business August, 1910 to C. J. Holm. I then moved to Minot and traveled for the Washburn Lignite Coal Co.

MR. And MRS. NELS MARSELIUS NELSON

Mr. Nelson came from Norway and came to Red Cliffe, Iowa. From there he shortly moved to Boone, Iowa, hiring out to build grain elevators. After a few more transfers of location, Mr. Nelson moved to Minot, North Dak. working as a carpenter.

He arrived in the town of Ryder on the memorable day when the lots were sold and homesteaded six and one half miles north-east of Ryder.

Around harvest season one year, Mr. Nelson had the bright idea that he would hitch up the team of oxen with a horse and a bull and run the binder at night. It seemed like a good idea; at least it would prevent the grain from getting too ripe. Alas, that old bull took out "a chasin'" Mr. Nelson right around the binder. Can't you imagine the sight of one bull and one Norwegian playing a super speed game of tag around a binder and all in the dark? Then again, around in the spring of 1909, a whole afternoon was spent in the futile attempt to rescue a team of horses from a twelve foot well into which they had fallen. Such is the life of a farmer.

Mr. Nelson was married in 1909.

In those days there was no church in Ryder so the Nelson's went to services in a basement, riding in the winter in a bob sled.

The house was built on the homestead in 1914, and the barn added in 1918. Then the Nelson's moved to Minot for two years. Nineteen twenty was a memorable year, for it saw the adoption of Oscar and Gladys, whose parents had died. There they lived, until 1937, living and working on the old homestead.

Since leaving Ryder in 1937, Mr. Nelson has worked as a carpenter and cabinet maker in Calif., until his retirement three years ago. Mrs. Nelson passed away in August, 1955. Oscar and his family reside in Sacramento, Calif. Gladys and her husband and two children live near Long Beach, Calif.

JAMES CRONIN

James Cronin homesteaded at Ryder in 1902, filed May 9-on section 14-two miles southeast of where Ryder now stands.

MR. and MRS. LARS LARSON

Lars and Ingrid Larson were both born in the central part of Sweden. They came to America after hearing tales of a wonderful country where you didn't have to cut trees and root stumps to make farmland. Nobody mentioned the rocks.

After working in Nelson County, No. Dak., for a couple of years, they homesteaded 3 and one half miles west of Ryder, in 1904. He hauled out the lumber for his homestead shack from Minot in a lumber wagon when he moved out camping on the spot it was built.

When the railroad came in the fall of 1906, everybody figured they could quit hauling coal by horses from the mines. However the railroad blocked with snow early in the winter, and no coal came. Many farmers resorted to burning railroad ties, which the Soo line had stockpiled along the track. They figured the railroad had a moral obligation to furnish fuel. Apparently the railroad thought so too. At any rate, they never bothered anyone about the missing ties, even though one of Lar's neighbors gathered himself up a whole shedful of brand new crossties, far more than he needed for fuel.

Some other neighbors were three lady homesteaders, who had their claim shacks a quarter mile or so from where the Wayne Jones farm now is located. These ladies filed on adjoining quarter sections, and where the three quarters cornered, they built their shacks right up to the line, so they could each live on her own land and thus meet the requirements for proving up, and still furnish company and protection for one another.

Lars and Ingrid Larson are still living in North Dakota, at 1207 1st St. S. W. in Minot, and Lars still does a little farming. Of their 9 children born on the homestead, 8 are living, 7 in North Dakota. The Larsons celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary 4 years ago.

MR. And MRS. JOHN HJELMSTAD

Mr. John L. Hjelmstad was born Nov. 14, 1882 at Holmes, N. Dak., and was raised there until 1906 when he took up a homestead near Ryder. Mary Krogstad was born April 27, 1890 in Grand Forks County and raised around Reynolds, N. Dak.

John and Mary were married Dec. 29, 1908 and moved to Ryder in 1916.

The children born to this union are as follows: John Magnar who lives at La Junta.; Olga Johnson who lives at Sweet Home, Oregon; Mildred Webster who lives at Billings, Mont.; Agnes Norman who lives at Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Harold who lives at Wheatridge, Colo.; Dora Galliger who lives at Parshall, N. Dak.; Lester who lives at Englewood, Colo.; Dagmar Farstad who lives at Glentana, Mont.; Ralph who lives at Denver, Colo.; Wendell who lives at Colorado Springs, Colo.; and John who lives at Denver, Colo.

MR. And MRS. MATT KARNA

Matt Karna was born in Nurmes, Finland on March 30, 1866. In 1903 he came to the United States to the state of Michigan. Spending a very short time there, he came to North Dakota. In 1905 he settled in the Ryder area taking up his homestead sight near Rice Lake.

Mrs. Karna was born in Lieksa, Finland on October 5, 1884. She came to the United States in June 1908, to the Ryder area. They were married September 29, 1908 in Minot.

After proving his homestead, Mr. Karna worked winters on the Soo line railroad near Garrison, N. Dak., and also at the coal mines at Burlington, N. Dak. These winter months were spent alone by Mrs. Karna and the children. She being a young bride and not used to doing farm work had quite a time. One cold winter, the first she spent by herself, she became worried about her cows and calves freezing to death in a very poorly built barn. Not knowing how to keep them warm she carried out her bed clothes and covered the cattle with them and then she huddled by the fire to keep warm. Next morning she went out to do her chores she found the cows and calves sleeping on the bed clothes, instead of under them as she hadn't fastened them on in any way. Then she decided it was no use to try to keep them warm that way and they could keep warm the best way they could.

She also had an encounter with a skunk. She had milked the cows and saw a pretty black and white cat. She chased it trying to catch it and the results were that she got sprayed. Mr. Karna had to take her clothes out and bury them in the ground to remove the perfume. She never tried catching striped cats again.

The Karna's are the only family, of a settlement of 40 Finnish families, left who had homesteaded in the Rice Lake area.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Karna namely: Helja (Mrs. Wayne Jones) of Ryder, Leo living on the old homestead, and Oiva of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Karna has passed away, but Mrs. Karna continues to make her home in Minot, N. Dak.

C. J. ADOLPHSON

In July, 1907 Mr. Adolphson and bride came to the Ryder Community and made their home on a claim on which he had filed a year or two earlier. On Dec. 21, 1908 a daughter was born to them.

Early in Feb., 1911, it is told he brought his wife and baby daughter, Ruth, to Ryder to take the train for Bancroft, Iowa for a visit. After the train had pulled out, he was stricken with peritonitis and passed away a few days later at the Ryder Hotel.

After this sad experience Mrs. Adolphson returned to Bancroft and lived there until she passed away in 1947.

A sister, Esther Adolphson, also filed on a claim in the Ryder vicinity and taught a school there during the summer of 1908.

MR. And MRS. WILLIAM WILSON

William Wilson early homesteader of the Ryder community was born in 1872 at Houston, Minnesota. In 1893 he started working on (the then new) the Soo Railroad. He followed this work through the Red River Valley where he met and married Elizabeth Erickson in 1896 at Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mr. Wilson continued work on the Soo line for ten years - which by then had led them as far as the Ryder townsite. They decided they liked the "prairie" and in 1906 filed on a homestead 3 and one half miles east of Ryder. The full allotment of homesteads had been taken so he also filed on land by Van Hook, N. Dak., which he later sold.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of eight children - five were born at Moorhead, Minnesota and three in Dakota. They are namely: Gertrude (Mrs. William Powelson) of Winfield, Mo. who is deceased: Toni of Edson, Alberta, Canada: Clarence of Edson, Alberta Canada: Louis of Seattle, Washington who is also deceased: Edward of Russell, N. Dak., Hannah (Mrs. Richard Lyslo) of Glenwood, Minnesota: Christine (Mrs. Ernest Olson) and Elmer of Ryder.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were married 33 years. Mrs. Wilson passed away in 1929, and Mr. Wilson in 1936.

MR. And MRS. HERMAN BRANDT

G. H. Brandt was born May 30, 1857 in Germany. He attended school and was instructed in Christian faith. When he was 26 years of age he came to America settling in Chicago, Ill., here he lived for 21 years, during which time he was engaged as a blacksmith and wagon maker.

Len Lehmann Brandt was born in Germany April 29, 1862. At 20 years of age she came to America coming to Chicago where in 1883 she was married to Mr. Brandt. In 1903 the family moved to Glenburn, N. Dak., where they farmed for 3 years, and moved to their homestead 5 miles south of Ryder, where their youngest son Otto and family still reside.

Mr. Brandt passed away Oct. 10, 1926 and Mrs. Brandt passed away many years ago. Five children were born to them. Two proceeded their parents in death.

The Brandts were members of the Ryder German Lutheran Church. Mr. Brandt was not only a blacksmith to do repair work but when he lived in Chicago he worked for Winslic Brothers Iron Works and still there can be seen in the Brandt home many fine pieces of work he did. One especially fine work is a bunch of grapes hammered out of iron.

Max of Lynnvile, Iowa and Otto of Ryder are the two surviving children. Bertha and Herman passed away several years ago.

MR. And MRS. WILLIAM KRONBACH

William Kronbach was born on October 31, 1888 and educated in Bavaria, Germany. He came to the United States in the spring of 1903 at the age of 14. He worked for his uncle in Iowa for 2 years and then came to Bye, N. Dak. In 1906 he went to work for Joe Weistner as a butcher. He then bought a well machine in 1916 and except for the 3 years that he worked in a butcher shop in Wilton, N. Dak., he's been digging wells and farming ever since. He was married on July 21, 1920 to Martha Pflugradt who had been working at the Fredeen Hotel in Ryder. She was born and raised near Parkers Prairie, Minn. Their oldest son, Willard, was born in Wilton. They then moved to a farm 7 miles northeast of Ryder in Rice Lake Township where Konrad and Elinor, were born. Their next move was into Ryder where Robert, George, and Marilyn were born. All of the children are grown now. Willard and Konrad served in the army and navy respectively. Eleanor, now Mrs. Robert West is living in Mc-Minnville, Oregon. Bob served in the navy during the Korean War and George is in the navy at present operating out of Norfolk, Va. Marilyn, the youngest, is still attending Ryder High School.

Ryder's old-timers may remember Bill Kronbach as the fellow who butchered the Ramstad goat for George Krueger and Mort Kettl about 1908.

MR. And MRS. CHRIST HANSEN

Christ Hansen was born in Thornhjem, Norway on September 20, 1865. In 1899 he came to the United States and settled at Grove, City, Minnesota. In 1902, he and Sophia Carlsen, also of Throghjem, Norway were married at Grove City. In 1906 they filed on the homestead nine miles northeast of Ryder, N. Dak., where their son Martin now resides.

They became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters. The sons are: Chornel of Minot, N. Dak., Harold C., Martin and Oluf E., all of rural Ryder. The daughters, Bernice (Mrs. Dan Hufford) of Paynesville, Minnesota who passed away in 1943, and Mabel (Mrs. Lee Irwin) of Minot, N. Dak.

Christ Hansen passed away July 4, 1933, and Mrs. Hansen passed away on December 30, 1934.

OSCAR and G. O. GILBERTSON

Oscar Gilbertson and his dad G. O. Gilbertson came with horses and wagon from Henning, Minnesota in early June 1902, and filed on S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, section 10, Township 150 R.86, which he and a group of early settlers later organized and named Blue Hill township. The meeting was at Oscar's place.

In the spring of 1903, Oscar established the Oscar post office, and started a store. They hauled the goods from Minot with a team of horses. They also continued the farming until the fall of 1906, when they moved to Douglas, N. Dak.

MR. and MRS. BEN LINGREN

Ben Lingren was born in Minnesota on December 22, 1875. He came to Ryder in 1906 where he, together with his brother, operated a general store for four years.

Mrs. Ellen Lingren was born in Norway; she came to Ryder in the fall of 1909, and bought land about 15 miles southwest of Ryder in 1910. She spent about two years working for Mrs. Fredeen before her marriage. Ben Lingren and Ellen Folden were married February 24, 1913. To this union was born one son Edwin of Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Lingren had a feed store for many years. He served as Ryder Marshal for 37 years. He passed away April 12, 1950.

Mrs. Lingren tells a story to prove that walking is a sure way of getting places. She was working for Theo. Larsons who lived about 6 miles southeast of the Folden farm. One day she walked to her brothers place (The Foldens), from there to her homestead, about another 6 miles. In the evening she walked to the Henry Rime farm to visit, which was another 1½ miles and back to her homestead. The next morning she wanted to go to Ryder so got up early and walked to town.

Ben, however, did some travelingg by bicycle. As she tells how he would ride on his bike, on Sundays out to visit her, when she lived on her homestead.

MR. and MRS. JOHN B. SCHILTZ

Mr. Schiltz was born Septemer 16, 1880 in Caledonia, Minnesota and moved to Saint Paul that same year, where he lived until October 26, 1902 when he filed on a homestead near what is now Ryder, N. Dak. He lived on it until January, 1904 at which time he proved up on the "claim".

Mr. Schiltz tells they didn't have very much rain the summer of 1903. He say they had many dances and lots of fine neighbors. Miss Amundson played the organ and Guy Humphrey played the fiddle so that they always had music for dancing.

Mr. Schiltz left North Dakota and went into the lumber business; he got married to Mary E. MacHale. There were 5 children in the family, all went through college. Montana University, Notre Dame, St. Catherines Chicago University and the Sorbonne in France.

Richey, the youngest, was a Notre Dame man and was killed on Iwo Jima in the Second World War.

Mr. Schiltz retired 5 years ago and is enjoying it.

MR. and MRS. EDWARD BRUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brugh were married in Indiana, Dec. 13, 1905. They came to N. Dak. as newlyweds and homesteaded on a piece of land 18 miles south of Ryder — where Mr. Brugh farmed for 35 years. They lived in Parshall from 1919 to 1951, then moving to Waite Park, Minn. to live with their son, Raymond. They had 4 children, George of Glendorado, Calif.; William, Raymond, and Mrs. Bartz of Waite Park.

By Ole T. Haugen

Here is a short of the early years that I and my wife, Ingeborg, spent in Norway and later on our farm nine miles northeast of Ryder, N. D.

I was born in Fyresdal, Telemarken, Norway and Ingeborg was born in Skafsaa, Telemarken. We were married in Mo Prestegjeld in 1906 and made our home at Skafsaa.

I worked in the woods, cutting and hauling timber and was also employed on a farm part of the time. Our oldest daughter, Hilda, was born here in 1909.

Like all other Norsemen who had relatives in America, we heard of the wonderful possibilities in that new land, where you could get land from the government on which to build your home and raise enough grain to make a good living. So, on July 23, 1910, we embarked at Oslo on one of the Canadian Pacific ocean liners which took us by the way of Liverpool, England, where we stayed for three days, then six days later we landed in Quebec, Canada. From there we went by train to Weaver, N. D. where we were taken in by my brother, Kittle. He had arrived here in 1893 and was well established on his farm.

We were happy with our surroundings, however, our purpose was to establish our own farm home, so in January, 1911, I left my family and went to Minot where I was met by my brother-in-law, O. K. Haugen. He helped me find the Land Office where I filed on a 40 acre claim near his farm. The next day, which happened to be the 3rd day of January, we started out by sleigh for Ryder but because of a severe snow storm we were forced to turn back. The next day, at 35 below, we managed the 30 odd miles cross country to O. K.'s farm.

The claim which I had gotten already had a two room shack on it and so I immediately went to work fixing it up for our future home. With the arrival of spring I sent for my family from Weaver and O. K. again made the trip to Minot to bring them out to their new home where they arrived on March 21st.

That first summer was spent mostly in making preparations to get started farming. We bought 4 oxen and the necessary machinery. In between times I worked for Ivar Brandvold for \$1.50 per day.

Since our house had two rooms and we were living across the road from the schoolhouse, it was our duty as well as good fortune to board and room the school teacher. My wife, Ingeborg, soon mastered the English language and took an active part in community affairs. She was determined to become a good citizen and I feel that she accomplished her aim. Some of the early day teachers who shared our home were: Anna Barsness, Rose Young, Mary Bakhagen, Doris Smith, Miss Thompson, Nellie Burris and Effie Mestad.

In the spring of 1912 we put in our first crop and each year we gained a little, started raising cattle and were on our own. Horses were added to take the place of the oxen. In 1914 our daughter Myrtle was born. Two years later we bought another

160 acres that had a better house and we remodeled it and that served as our home from then on.

Our many years on this farm brought us much happiness and a comfortable living. We enjoyed good health and were blessed with much good fortune. Of course, that has to end some time.

In 1954, Ingeborg became ill and needed the help of her daughter Hilda, who is now Mrs. Ludvig Tweten and lives in Portland, Oregon. So we journeyed to Oregon where she spent her last year. She died on January 2, 1955 and was buried in the Rose City cemetery in Portland.

My youngest daughter, Myrtle, is now Mrs. Jess Stairrett and lives in San Francisco. She has a daughter, Vicki, who will graduate from high school this year.

I have made my home with my daughter Hilda this winter but I still like the farm and hope to spend my summers near my many friends at Ryder.

THE FRED VAN HOOK FAMILY

Fred Van Hook was born at Red Wing, Minnesota; February 26, 1867. Gussie Van Hook was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, May 24, 1874. They both grew up in Minnesota and after they were married lived at Kent, where their four children, Earl, Cecil, Grace and Alice were born. They moved to the homestead south of Ryder in 1903 and lived there till about 1910 when they moved to Ryder. Their farm was sold to John Hanson some years later. The children attended school at Hiddenwood, the Lefferson school, the Aldridge school and the Blue Hill. Miss Margaret Campbell was their first teacher.

Mr. Van Hook passed away in 1939 while living in Yakima, Washington. Mrs. Van Hook lives with her son, Earl, in Yakima at the present time. Cecil, who is Mrs. Mervin Long, also lives in Yakima, Washington. Grace, who is Mrs. Leo Kelley, lives at Toppenish, Washington. Alice, Mrs. Louis Schutt, lives at Chicago, Illinois.

MR. and MRS. OLE JOHNSON

Ole Johnson was born near Christiania, Norway, Oct. 15, 1881, and his wife Rosie Moen was born at Lake Mills, Iowa, Nov. 9, 1880. They were married in July, 1901 at Forman, N. Dak. and came to the Ryder community in 1902.

Ole homesteaded 10 miles south and 2½ miles west of Ryder. He then traded with a quarter of land in eastern N. Dak. for the quarter near Blue Hill School where he resided until 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were blessed with 10 children, 4 of whom preceded their mother in death, namely, Myrtle, Ruth, Gladys, and Oscar. Their mother passed away July 9, 1939.

Ole now makes his home at Silverton, Ore. and Gilbert resides on the farm south of Ryder; Orrin at Sweet Home, Ore.; Gilma Root at Eugene, Ore.; Morris, at Fergus Falls, Minn.; Raymond at DeLamere, N. Dak.; and Henry, address unknown.

MR. and MRS. G. J. AFDAHL

Gilbert Afdahl was born on January 15, 1878 in Moody county, Lone Rock township Flandreau, S. Dak. His early life was spent on a farm where he lived with his parents until they moved to Flandreau in 1898.

In September of 1904 he came to North Dakota. He stayed in Devils Lake for a time then moved on to Minot where he worked at various jobs available at the time. In November of 1904 he filed on a homestead in Douglas township. While at Devils Lake he met Pauline Kluften who later became his wife.

Pauline Kluften was born March 7, 1881 in Gubbrandsdalen, Norway and came to the United States at the age of five with her mother-her father having arrived at Penn, N. Dak. two years previous. She spent the early years of her girlhood on her father's farm at Penn, N. Dak.

In 1904, she together with her friend, Josephine Timbo (Mrs. Knute Afdahl) set out to file on a homestead. They both filed on homesteads in Cameron township, Ward county.

Gilbert Afdahl and Pauline Kluften were united in marriage at Churches Ferry, N. Dak., on December 11, 1907, returning to Douglas they lived on Mrs. Afdahls homestead, Mr. Afdahl having a mail route for a time. Mr. and Mrs. Afdahl were both active in the Douglas Lodge. Four children were born on the farm near Douglas. One child dying in infancy. Their children are: Clara and Lloyd of Ryder, Arthur of Oak Lawn, Ill., and Ione (Mrs. Oliver Hicks) of Minot. There are seven grandchildren.

In October of 1923 they left their farm and moved to Ryder, where Mr. Afdahl was first Rural Carrier on what is now Route No. 2. He was mail carrier on this Route until his retirement in 1948. Mrs. Afdahl was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid. Both Mr. and Mrs. Afdahl were active Lodge members transferring from Douglas Lodge.

Mrs. Afdahl passed away March 1, 1953 at Trinity hospital at Minot where she had been a patient for several weeks-having fallen and broken her hip. Burial was in the Ryder cemetery. Mr. Afdahl continues to live at his home in Ryder.

HANNAH CRONIN

Hannah Cronin came the summer of 1909, also from Lake City, Minn., and taught school near Ryder for a number of years. She started working for the Queen City Telephone Company, Nov. 4, 1916 and resigned April, 1950 after almost 34 years of continuous service, always happy to attend to and pass along calls for the people of Ryder and surrounding community. Though some calls were sad, taking it all in all, she spent many happy days at the office in Ryder.

Hannah, James, and another sister Mary reside at 515 Walnut St., Lake City, Minn.

MR. and MRS. JOHN D. PETERSEN

John D. Petersen was born in Flaggberg, Denmark on June 12, 1873, where he spent his boyhood and early manhood. Hearing of the wonders of the United States it became his wish to see this country, and in 1902 his wish finally came true, and he made voyage to America. After working at various jobs, he finally ended up in Wisconsin, where he took up farming together with his friend Mr. Walter Hansen. After 3 years of hard work on the farm, he got the yearning to see his folks and homeland, thus he made the long journey back to Denmark.

It was on his return trip to the homeland, that he had the fortune of meeting Laura Skaarup, she was the sister of one of his best friends, Hans Skaarup. After a short courtship she promised to become his bride, and follow him to America, after he had found a place to settle down.

Mr. Petersen, together with Mr. Skaarup, journeyed back to America, first stopping in Wisconsin, where Mr. Petersen sold his share of the farm. In 1906, he left Wisconsin for N. Dak. where he filed on a homestead in Cameron township near Ryder. He was later joined by Mr. Hansen who homesteaded next to his farm. After 2 years he sent for his bride to be, Laura Skaarup, still in Denmark.

Laura Skaarup was born in Copenhagen, Denmark April 16, 1879 where she spent the first 29 years of her life. In July, 1908, she and Mollie Hansen, (the intended bride of Hans Skaarup) set out on the long journey to America. Neither one being adept on the English language, proved to be a hindrance on many vocations-one being the time, they left Drake on the train they thought bound for Ryder. A short distance out of Drake, the conductor discovered they were on the wrong train, so the train was stopped and they were dumped out, no one being able to explain to them the reason why. After many tears were shed, they picked up their baggage and walked back to Drake where they finally found lodging for the night, next day they boarded the right train, which took them to their final destination, but a day late.

After living in the city all her life the sod shack that she was to call her home probably caused an inward feeling of disappointment, but seeing that everyone else for miles around lived in nothing better, she became reconciled to this mode of life.

On August 2, 1908, John and Laura together with Mr. Skaarup and Mollie Hansen were united in marriage, at a double wedding ceremony at Jerome, N. Dak., the Rev. Snony officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Petersen in the years to follow, raised one son and three daughters: Elsie (Mrs. Peter L. Johnson) of Hartland, Wisconsin; Margaret (Mrs. Lloyd Afdahl) of Ryder; Anna of Burlington, Wash.; and Elmer of Ryder. They also raised their granddaughter Mrs. Norman Cox of Burlington, Wash. There are now six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

After many years of interchanging, difficult and prosperous times, Mrs. Petersen was taken ill and passed away Sept. 5, 1940. She is buried in the Ryder cemetery.

In 1946, Mr. Petersen decided to sell his farm. After spending several months in Wisconsin, he returned to Ryder, from there he went to Washington where he spent a year, but it seemed no place could take the place of his North Dakota home. He returned again to Ryder and bought back his farm, where he continued to live until his death March 23, 1954.

MR. O. J. BYE

Mr. Bye was born in 1870 in now Cass County, 18 miles south of where Fargo now is.

He grew to manhood on the farm where he was born. He attended college and taught school for a while, then he took a position in a hardware store at Hickson, N. Dak. After that he took a position in Minneapolis, Minn. He left there and went into general store business in Neilsville, Minn. in partnership with his brother Carl.

He sold his interest in the general store to his partner and went to Ryder about 1902. There he filed on a homestead, opened a general store and post office (Bye Post Office). When the railroad came through there he moved to Ryder where he continued in the store business along with his farming interest until his death March 11, 1927.

MR. and MRS. ALEC HAROLDSON

Mr. Alec Haroldson was born in 1874 in Northwood, Iowa, and moved with his parents to Northwood, N. Dak. where he grew to manhood.

Mrs. Haroldson (Henrietta Dahl) was born in 1882 at Cottonwood, Minn.

Mr. Haroldson came to Ryder in 1905 and was married to Henrietta Dahl in 1907.

Mr. Haroldson worked in the First State Bank of Ryder from the time the bank started until he left for the West Coast.

There were three children born to this union — They were all born at Ryder.

Mrs. Haroldson passed away in 1928 and Mr. Haroldson in 1937; a daughter, Ruth passed on in 1923. The two boys living are: Donald C. Haroldson, 1969-S.W. Park Ave., Portland, Oregon. Vernon Haroldson, 1005 West 132, Seattle 7, Wash.

MR. and MRS. RUDOLPH HAUGEN

Mr. Haugen came to Roseglen the fall of 1905 where he worked on a threshing rig owned by Bale Brothers. John Peterson, John Haugen, Andrew Anderson, Berger Antonsen, and Mr. Rickers did the pitching. Conrad Iverson hauled water.

He spent several years in Ryder as Manager of the Farmers Union Grain Elevator.

When he retired they moved to Minot. The Haugens have two children, Selma and Wendell.

MR. and MRS. EDWARD OLSON

Edward Olson was born near Whalen, Minnesota on May 30, 1869 and as a young child moved with his parents to Lincoln county, near Canby, Minnesota, where he grew up and was married to Carrie Engebretson who also was born near Whalen, Minnesota on October 30, 1874. She too came with her parents to Lincoln county near Canby as a child. After their marriage they lived in Minn., and S. Dak., before moving to Minot.

The late Edward Olson and his wife, Carrie who is now 82 were married at Canby, Minnesota and in 1901 they moved to Minot where Mr. Olson worked for Berger Larson in the livery barn. He did hauling for homesteaders who were moving their shacks to their claims where they had filed. Mr. Olson filed on his homestead in 1902, which is now located four and one half miles south and one mile west of Ryder.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson and son Carl who was seven years old came to their claim in 1905. They loaded their belongings on a wagon, left Minot early in the morning and arrived at their shack about midnight. The bed and stove were placed in one corner, the horses were tied in another corner of the shack, so they were under shelter too. It was with hard work that the Olsons prospered through the years. After several years, Mamie was born and the family was complete.

Mr. Olson was one who moved several of the buildings from Centerville to the present site of Ryder. Trips to the coal mine often took several days, and in extreme cold weather, Mr. Olson would walk behind the sled to keep warm.

Mrs. Olson tells of once when she, together with Mrs. Fred Van Hook, drove to Minot with their horse and buggy, taking their children, Carl and Alice with them. The youngsters, rather than riding would run along behind the buggy.

The mail and groceries were brought from Centerville by foot. Mrs. Olson tells that the gophers were so many and so tame that they would come in the house if the door was left open.

Mr. Olson passed away in January, 1953 and since then Mrs. Olson has resided in Ryder with her daughter, Mamie. Their son, Carl, and his wife reside on the Olson farm. The Olsons are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 2, 1941.

MR. and MRS. CARL BRANDT

Amelia Triebess was born in Germany, July 25, 1862 and came to the U. S. with her parents in 1868 and settled in Ill. She was married to Carl Brandt to 1881 and moved to Sherburn, Minn. in 1891 and lived there until 1917 when they moved to Ryder. He passed on June, 1928 and Mrs. Brandt in Aug. of 1938. There were 8 children: Henry, Carl, lives at Harvey, N. D.; and Elsie, Albert, Otto, Anthony, and Berniece Mueller all live in the Ryder vicinity.

MORT TOUSLEY

Mort Tousley filed on his homestead in May, 1903. The description was S. E. quarter of section 32, Township 152, Range 86., just one quarter between my quarter and O. J. Bye that was owned by Billy Brose joining Bye on the east.

He was born at LeSueur, Minnesota, on September 10, 1873 and now resides at Aikin, Minn. He has two sons - George M. lives at Circle, Mont., and Nixon V. lives at 1142 W. California Ave., St. Paul 13 Minnesota.

MR. And MRS. OLE NORDLUM

Ole Nordlum was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway on September 9, 1879. He married Anna Lobert on October 19, 1901. They came to the United States in 1904, and settled first at Fertile, Minnesota. Their son Albert, was born at Fertile in 1905.

Mr. Nordlum came to Minot, N. Dak., in 1906, and worked there two summers. In March 1908, he homesteaded eight miles northeast of Ryder. The trip from Fertile to Minot by railroad took three days, as it stormed all the way. He drove out from Minot with a team of oxen and a sled. Mrs. Nordlum and Albert came a month later. Mr. Nordlum built a shack, 12 by 16, in which they made their home until 1923, when they built the house which still stands at the same location.

Mrs. Nordlum passed away on February 27, 1943. Mr. Nordlum continues to live on the same place.

MR. and MRS. M. G. RONNING

Marius Ronning was born in Skogn, Norway on September 30, 1871. He came to The United States in 1893 and lived near Grand Forks, N. Dak. for several years.

Mrs. Ronning, nee Anna Kleven, was born at Holmes, N. Dak. on November 16, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Ronning were married on November 30, 1900 at Holmes, N. Dak. and for a while farmed near Reynolds. In 1906 they homesteaded 11½ miles northwest of the present site of Ryder and were engaged in farming and dairying.

They had 8 children, two of whom passed away in infancy. The six remaining children are: Clara Dobrinski, of Ryder; Elma Warner, Norman, Leon, and Huldah Tiller all of Minot; Myrtle Hanson of Des Lacs.

During their many years in Ryder Mr. and Mrs. Ronning were very active in Church and Community affairs. Mr. Ronning passed away at Dunseith on March 23, 1938 at the age of 66 and Mrs. Ronning passed away at Minot on July 9, 1950 at the age of 66 and they were both laid to rest in the Ryder Cemetery.

JACK TREALEASE was born in Ireland and received his education in college in England. He passed away in 1955 at a rest home in Wilton, N. Dak.

MR. and MRS. DANIEL M. JACKSON

Anna Gudahl was born October 28, 1873 in Norway and came to America with her parents when 8 years old. They lived at Owatonna, Minnesota for a few years, then spending a short time at Howard, S. D. before coming to Minot, N. D. in June, 1902. She had expected to try to secure a homestead north of Minot, but was told by a minister, whose family she happened to meet on the trip, that an area southwest of Minot was just being opened for homesteaders. Consequently she was one of eight land seekers who came out with a locator, and another driver, in two Democrat wagons, to what is now the Blue Hill area. Included among these eight were John Unseth, Bob Mellom, and Alfred Mathieson. Only one other party had come prior to this time, in search of land. They stopped overnight at the Chris Linnertz cattle-ranch, the buildings of which were located south of the hill just east of the present home of John Linnertz. Mrs. Linnertz was a gracious hostess, as life for a rancher's family was a lonely one, as they would see only an occasional cowboy except on the rare trips to Minot, as their nearest neighbors were the Glennon brothers whose ranch was eleven miles away, near what is now Roseglen. During the time between 1902 and 1906 that she was not staying on the homestead she operated a dress making shop at Minot.

Daniel Jackson was born April 10, 1873, in Nelsonville, Wis. In 1902 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded in Blue Hill township and was married to Anna Gudahl on October 23, 1906.

In 1934 he became ill and was bed-ridden for 15 years till his death on March 29, 1949. Mrs. Jackson cared for him through his illness. Before his illness he served on the school and township boards.

They raised Myrtle Mathieson who was eight years old when she came to live with them. They built a lovely new home of rock in the year 1920.

MR. And MRS. ALBIN ANDERSON

Helen Norberg Anderson and Albin Anderson were both born in Minnesota, where they grew up and were married. In 1906 they filed on a quarter of land four and one half miles south and 1 mile west of Ryder, and moved out there to live, but Minnesota seemed to beckon the Andersons back again, so after a few years they moved back again selling their farm to the late Ed Olson.

The Andersons four children are Gladys of Albert Lea, Minn., Ardis and Blaine of St. Paul, Minn., and Norman of Walker, Minn.

Mr. Anderson is a partial invalid and is at a nursing home in Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Anderson lives in Albert Lea, Minn., where she operates a curtain and drapery sewing shop.

MR. and MRS. JOHN AHLGRAN

John Ahlgran was born September 16, 1872 in Haslosa Skone, Sweden. His parents passed away when he was but a small boy so he made his home with his grandparents until he finished high school. At the age of 18 he came to America and worked for a time in Minnesota. While there he also attended night school, to become better acquainted with the American language. He obtained his United States certificate for citizenship on April 22, 1902 at Minneapolis, Minn.

In 1901, Mr. Ahlgren met Andrew Oberg at a boarding house in Minnesota. After working together for 2½ years they decided to file on a homestead in N. Dak. near the present site of Ryder.

John Ahlgran owned a gravel pit on his homestead and leased it to a cement block contractor, a Mr. Edwardson, who came from Minneapolis to investigate for business activity and to put his business into practice. He made cement blocks from this pit and sold them. All the brick buildings in Ryder were built from these blocks. These were: Olness store, bank, fire hall, the hotel, Moser house, etc.

Mr. Ahlgran took active interest in community affairs. He served as clerk of town board for several years. He was first secretary of Federal Land Bank and Secretary of Farmers Elevator for a time, and was a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge for 15 years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church.

Mrs. Ahlgran was born in Wisconsin on March 11, 1885. She attended grammar school in Wisconsin and 1908 she received her certificate of nursing from the Chautauqua school of nursing at Jamestown, New York by correspondence. In 1910 she came to Ryder and worked for Mrs. Olaf Hansen. She also assisted Dr. Griffan with her nursing abilities. Mr. and Mrs. Ahlgran were married January 19, 1921. They lived on their farm until 1930 when they moved to Ryder, but they did not discontinue farming until 1943.

Mrs. Ahlgran was crippled with arthritis for 17 years, but never complained. Mr. Ahlgran suffered from asthma and deafness in later years. Hilda spent the last 5 years at home caring for her parents until the time of their deaths.

The children born to this union were namely: Alma Oilund of Foxholm, N. Dak., and Hilda of Ryder (twins); Ruth Smetana, Lansford, N. Dak., Thelma Horst, Minot, N. Dak., Florence Jensen, Hayfield, Minn., and Vida Ferdinand, Tacoma, Washington.

ROSE NEUKOM

Rose Neukom, was the mother of Albert J. Neukom. She homesteaded northwest of Ryder in 1902, at the age of 67. She was probably the oldest person to be a homesteader in this vicinity. It is believed she came here with Albert from Minnesota.

HISTORY OF MR. and MRS. MURRAY WARNER

as told by Merrit Warner

I recall we moved to the ranch east of where Ryder is, on the place now owned by Andrew Anderson, in 1902 and we were there until 1905.

My father, Murray J. Warner and a man whose name was W. E. Baker were engaged in sheep ranching. My father also had a large herd of cattle. This was before the Soo Line was built. There was a store and post office south of where Ryder is now, which was called old Ryder. The trading point in those days was Minot, which was a tedious trip by horses and wagon. Ed Fredeen was the stage driver and hauled the mail; he made three trips per week, to Minot.

Our family came from Redwood Falls, Minnesota. My father homesteaded 12 miles southwest of Minot in the year 1900. We moved to the homestead in 1901, and to the ranch the next year, and then back to the homestead when we left the ranch.

I had two brothers-Harvey and Albert. Harvey still lives on father's homestead. Albert who used to farm with me in later years is deceased. My father passed away in 1907, and mother in 1950.

MR. and MRS. JOE WUSTNER

Mr. Wustner was born in Tyrol, Austria and Mrs. Wustner was born in Denmark. They were married in Denmark about 1888 and came to America shortly thereafter. They came to Ryder at the time it came into existence and it is said they were the first to build a house there.

Mr. Wustner had a meat market there until 32 years ago when he left. At one time he farmed quite extensively there. There are three children living: Lorenz at Electric City, Wash., Rosine (Mrs. T. N. Engdahl) of Los Gatos, Calif., and Helen (Mrs. A. G. Smith) of North Hollywood, Calif.

Lorenz Wustner writes us that he has six children as follows: Joe-a medical technologist at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., Ramona a medical technologist at Los Angeles, county hospital, Micheal a student at Gouzaga preparatory school, Spokane, Wn., Jerry and Bertrom at home.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT BURAN

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buran, were born in Trondheim, Norway, and came to the United States in 1904, and settled on a homestead about 12 miles north of Ryder in 1905. They farmed the first two years with oxen.

They have four daughters and one son. All are married, none are at home.

MR. and MRS. A. G. AABY

Alvin G. Aaby was born in Hayfield, Minn. on December 25, 1891. He graduated from High School and attended Business College. He worked in Minneapolis 1911 to 1913. He was assistant cashier for the First National Bank in Ryder from December 1914 to June 1917; Cashier in the State Bank of Raub from June 1917 to March 1918. He married Stella M. Forde of Ryder, February 1918. Mr. Aaby served in the army from March 1918 to July 1919, one year in France in Company "D"-138th Infantry, 35th Division. He was Secretary-Treasurer of Dakota Lumber Company at Ryder from March 1920 to 1925; at Roseglen from 1925 to 1929. He moved to Minot in March 1929 and is engaged in the real estate business up to the present time. While in Ryder he belonged to the Lutheran Church; The L. C. Jenson Post of the American Legion, and was Commander in 1920; and local Lodge.

Mrs. Stella M. Aaby, formerly Stella M. Forde was born in Bryant, S. Dak. August 30, 1895 and was raised in Highlandville, Iowa. She came to Ryder in 1912 and spent the winter with Mrs. Sever Shervheim while Mr. Shervheim went to Norway. She returned to Iowa but came back to Ryder in 1916 and worked in the store for Ole Olness until the first part of 1918. She belonged to Lutheran Ladies Aid, Home Economics Club, and local W.C.T.U. unit. They have the following three children: Alton O. of Canton, Ohio, Waldo S. of Schenectady, N. Y., and Donn V. of Chicago, Illinois.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE NELSON

Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson were both born in Norway and settled in Ward county, in 1904 about 7 miles northwest of Ryder; shipping out on an emigrant car from Hoffman, Minn. to Minot. Mr. Nelson thought one of the greatest terrors of the early days were the prairie fires that swept eastward from the reservation and from the river country. The first thing he did after building his shack was to plow two rods of fire break around his entire quarter, in order to protect his buildings and grass. He also felt the winter storms were terrific. During the winter of 1906 the snow lay so deep on the plains that hardly a shack was visible over the undulating drifts. Most of the homesteaders laid up a plentiful supply of food and coal in the fall of the year so very few winter trips were necessary.

The food supply had to be freighted over from Minot, and for a while Mr. Nelson was engaged in this work, as well as working his claim.

Mr. Nelson left his farm to son, Emmett, in 1920 and moved to Makoti. The children born to the Nelsons were: Einer Nelson deceased; Mrs. Mabel Thompson, 4641 Alabama, San Diego, California; Hannah Thompson, Makoti, N. D.; Benny J. Nelson, Newburg, N. D.; Orin Nelson of 2317 First Ave. S.W., Great Falls, Mont.; and Emmett of Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are both deceased.

MR. and MRS. PETER BENSON

The late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Benson deserve a place in our 50th Anniversary book, as the Benson place was known far and wide for a home of fine hospitality. Many community and political picnics were held at the Benson farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson were both born in Sweden and came as young folks to the Enderlin community, where they grew up and it was at Enderlin, N. Dak., they were married. They came to the Ryder vicinity in 1904 and filed on a homestead. In 1908 they proved up and continued to make their home there. Mr. Benson passed away several years ago and after his death Mrs. Benson came to Ryder and lived with her sister Mathilda Lundahl. The Bensons have one daughter Clover, now Mrs. Neukom who resides in Ryder. Mrs. Benson passed away in 1950.

MR. and MRS. C. H. CHRISTIANSEN

C. H. Christiansen better known as Christy in this community was born in St. Paul, Minn. October 18, 1881. His parents had come to St. Paul from Norway. After receiving his schooling he worked in St. Paul and Fairbault, Minn. In 1904 he went to Mohall, N. D. to take a position in the 1st National Bank, working for the late H. H. Steele-well known early day banker. During this time he also homesteaded in Williams Co. near Wildrose and took part in dividing Imperial Ward Co. into what is now Renville, Burke, Mountrail and Ward. It was a hot fought election-Minot being opposed to the division.

In 1908, he came to Ryder to take over the management of 1st Nat. Bank of Ryder, which had up to this time been the Bank of Ryder. In 1910 he was married to Sigrid Lindquist of Wheaton, Minn., who he had met at Mohall where she taught 2 years.

At the time of the opening of the Ft. Berthold Reservation in 1912, he with B. A. Dickinson, Ted Engdahl of Elbowoods and Geo. Hart organized a locating co. and located many who drew claims on the Reservation.

He has held the office of school treasurer for over 40 years and is still its treasurer. He was always interested in sports and managed B. B. teams for several years. He was secretary-treasurer of Ryder Federal Farm Loan Association until it was consolidated with Minot Association. Over the years he has held several offices in the community.

Their two children are Mrs. Dorothy Rosvold of Poulsbo, Wash. and Mrs. Jeanne Jessen of Palo Alto, California.

In 1934 he started the Ryder Exchange which he still owns but is run by Ralph Larson, who has leased it. Christy is partly retired.

MR. and MRS. REINART NELSON

Reinart Nelson was born at Kristiansance, Norway on January 6, 1874 and came to America in 1895. He worked around Hatton and Hope, N. Dak., for 7 years, and homesteaded in the Ryder community in 1902.

Olava Bacon was born on March 5, 1885. She grew up at Hatton, N. Dak., where she was married to Mr. Nelson on September 29, 1901. The Nelsons continued to live on the homestead until 11 years ago when they moved to Monroe, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are the parents of eight children namely: Betty (Mrs. George Liffbrig) of Ryder, Agnes (Mrs. Chas. Liffbrig) of Makoti, N. Dak., Minnie (Mrs. Frank McGinnis) of Ryder, Donnie of Ryder, Edith (Mrs. John Yates) Seal Beach, California and Lillian (Mrs. H. J. Sjordahl) Lancaster, Minnesota. Thomas was killed during World War II, and Richard is also deceased.

MR. and MRS. CHRIS LINNERTZ

Christoph Linnertz was born in Duppach, Germany in 1864. He came to the United States as a young man with his sister Gert-rude, the late Mrs. Jacob Kraft. Both of his parents had died. Since their home was broken up by the death of both parents, both Christoph and Gertrude came to St. Cloud, Minn., in 1883 to make their home with their brother Joseph Linnertz, who had come to America in 1881. He was the older brother of the family.

Both Christoph and Joseph Linnertz came to file on homesteads, six miles northwest of Minot. This was on May 1, 1888. In 1897 Christoph and Joseph started a ranch about 12 miles S.W. of the present town of Ryder. Christoph stayed out there all winter to take care of the stock, since he was not married and had no family. Joseph made his home in Minot with his family because of church and school facilities.

Christoph was married in 1899 to Miss Theresa Reihle from near Carpio, N. D. After his marriage he moved to Blue Hill Township-the present home of his son John. Mr. and Mrs. Linnertz were the parents of the following eight children: Joseph of Williston, N. D., Nick and John of Ryder, William of Surrey, N. D., Gertrude of Taylor, N. Dak., and Carl of Washington. A pair of twins died in infancy.

Chris Linnertz acted on township boards and school boards. He was in the implement business in Ryder at one time.

Mr. Linnertz passed away in 1922. Mrs. Linnertz passed away in 1929.

HANS MILLER FAMILY

Hans Christian Miller was born at Horsens, Denmark on June 6th, 1870. In 1882 the family immigrated to the United States settling at Doon, Iowa. Helping with the farm work and attending school filled the adolescence years. After a term of business school at Sioux Falls he entered the Real Estate business, locating settlers in southern Minnesota, the new farming area to which his family had moved. In 1894 he married Annie Nelson, only daughter of the P. N. Nelson family. Members of both families—the Nelsons and the Millers—were active in the life of the community and their names are linked with the early history of Lake Benton, Minn.

In the early years of his business career Hans worked for the John Deere and International Harvester Machine Companies. It was while in the employ of the latter company that he was persuaded to "Go West" and in 1903 with his wife and 3 daughters, Orianna, Pearl, and Myrtle located at Devils Lake, N. D. In 1904 he was transferred to Minot. John S. Tucker of Minneapolis was financing new banking facilities in the west and Hans was given the opportunity to enter the banking business. In March 1906 the First State Bank was opened for business in "OLD RYDER" and in June, Mrs. Miller and the daughters came by Fredeen stage-coach to their new prairie home.

When the sale of lots for the new townsite took place it was with pride that Hans Miller bid \$1600 for the corner lot on which to build the new bank building. This price far exceeded the usual business-lot price but Mr. Miller was interested in the beautification of the new town and stipulated that a part of this amount be placed in a park fund. After the sale of the business lots the Miller family went through the flax field and chose for their new homesite - the corner of Daily St. & 5th Ave. on the crest of a small hill. Theirs was the first new home built with all materials being hauled overland from Minot.

The town grew rapidly and school opened in the falltime in the Presbyterian church building, with Della Randolph as teacher. The desks were homemade and two pupils sat at each desk. It was a gala day for young and old when the railroad came. School was dismissed so pupils could watch the laying of the tracks through town. The winters were snowy ones and the first winter brought no train for 3 months. Another gala day when the rotary plow opened the big snow-cut east of town. Youth, with its zest for living, was everywhere and life was busy for all. The only "older folks" were Mr. and Mrs. Sweet, known as Grandpa and Grandma Sweet though their age was only in their fifties. Through the following years the town was known far and wide as "The Best Town on the Soo Line". Churches, civic groups, fraternal orders, social clubs, and the schools and businesses all gave evidence of having leaders who believed in the country and would work with their fellowmen. There was the usual amount of strife and sorrow found in the undertaking of any new venture, but

folks worked together as one family and the community prospered.

The winter of 1909 brot the diptheria epidemic to the village and in Feb. the first case of polio claimed the life of Myrtle, the 8 year old daughter after an illness of 5 days. Though deep was their sorrow, rich were the blessings of Ryder friendships.

In 1912 Mr. Miller was elected to the House of Representatives with his only campaign promise "To work for the good of all and for the establishment of a Normal school in western N.D." He was always proud of the fact that he was privileged to introduce in the House, as Senator Bond did in the Senate, HB 192 which provided for the beginning of the Minot Normal School-the forerunner of the MSTC. Always interested in the affairs of the country he was ready to serve when called on. He was a staunch Republican and an active IVA worker. Government was an everyday topic at the Miller home. Willing to leave the old behind for the benefits of the new, the team of spirited horses which was known to all the community, had been replaced by an EMF automobile-the first for the Millers.

From 1913-1915 the family lived at the farm 7 miles south of Ryder in McLean County, coming to town each day to care for the banking business. 1914 greeted the first High School graduation class and 4 young folks of pioneer families were graduated-Orianna being one of the 4. In the fall of 1914 Orianna enrolled at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wis. graduating in 1916. Then came the war years and the period of adjustment followed. The early 1920's were not too prosperous and it was with deep regret that in 1926 the First State Bank was forced to close. Mr. Miller was president of the bank and Otto Franze was cashier. 1926 to 1930 Hans served as receiver for closed banks in western North Dakota. In the spring of 1930 he submitted to surgery and died on Dec. 22-As was his wish-he lived and died among friends.

Into the life of the Miller family was instilled the joy of service and the responsibility one owes to God and their fellowman. "Give to the world the best that you have and live by the Golden Rule" were admonitions given frequently. The church held high esteem and to the Presbyterian denomination there was true loyalty. Mr. Miller was a booster and worker for all that made life better, be it roads or buildings, competition or personalities, on farm or in business, in work or in play. He was an ardent sportsman but enjoyed hunting the most.

Pearl Miller graduated from Pillsbury Academy at Owatana, Minn. then a co-ed school and was with her father in the bank for many years. She married Frank Robeson of Minot, and they had one son, Homer. Pearl died in 1937 and her husband died in 1944.

Homer was adopted by Orianna and her husband Leo E. Tibbs of Minot. They have a son James. Leo Tibbs is postmaster of the Minot postoffice, a position to which he was nominated in 1953 by President Eisenhower after 29 years of service in the Minot office. James is Director of Music in the Garrison schools. He is

married to Betty Bohn of Kenmare and they have a 6 year old son. Homer is Supervisor of Publicity for the firm of Marts and Lundy in New York City. He is married to Donna McDonnell of Minot and they have a 2 year old daughter, Lynne Anne. Mrs. Miller, now 82 years old is active and well and lives with Leo and Orianna at 830 - 9th Ave. N.W., Minot.

The Miller family has always been part of Ryder and in the passing of the fifty years since 1906 are happy that they can say "Ryder is our hometown."

MR. and MRS. CHAPMAN

Mr. Chapman was born in Peterborough, Lincolnshire County, England on June 5, 1868 and came to the U. S. in 1891.

Mrs. Chapman was born in Norway July 21, 1870 and came to America with her parents in 1880. They first settled in Wisconsin.

Eventually Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were both employed at a hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., she was a waitress, he was an ambulance driver. They were married August 14, 1898.

They had 2 boys — Amos and Clarence.

Mr. Chapman filed in 1903 on a homestead two miles southwest of Ryder. This land today is owned by Mr. Sather.

They left Minn. July 14, 1904. They came to Minot, stayed overnight at the Windsor Hotel and the next day loaded their possessions on two wagons and started for the claim. They arrived at the homestead the next day and just finished unloading their things when a tornado struck. They were all very frightened.

In the fall of 1904 Mr. Chapman went threshing. She stayed home often and became lonesome and scared. The trail or road ran near the house between it and the barn. Many Indians went by on the trail which ran from Minot to Elbowoods. One day an old chief and two Squaws stopped at their house. He wore a full headdress and looked fierce. They wanted coffee and something to eat. Mrs. Chapman was so scared she put the whole coffee beans in the coffee pot and forgot to grind them. Presently one of the squaws (they were all seated at the table) read a blessing and she got over her scare in a hurry. However, she kept a crow bar and an axe inside the door.

A fresh meat wagon driven by Joe Wustner delivered meat twice a week. Mrs. Chapman baked bread for five bachelors, John Searight, Bob Spring, Severt Severtson, Duncan McMillan and Mr. Goodrich. She charged 5c a loaf.

In 1909, Walter received an appointment as one of the first rural mail carriers at Ryder. He first carried the mail south to Blue Hill and used horses entirely.

In 1910, they sold their homestead and moved to the Oscar Hill farm and Walter continued farming until 1914 when he returned to carrying rural mail, this time on Route No. 1 which at that time run to Makoti.

In 1917 Mr. Chapman was caught in a blizzard on his way home from the post office in the evening. They lived $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of Ryder. He was held in the cab or walking around it from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. by a terrific storm. A rift in the storm allowed him to see an object a few feet away and he reached it to find it was their haystack alongside the barn. He had been trapped in the storm for 6 hours only a few yards across the drive way from the house. After many futile attempts to urge the team in the drive way where they had to turn to face the full force of the storm and they would continually swing around, he pulled the harness off them and let them go. A dime's worth of jelly beans saved his life as when he got sleepy he would munch a jelly bean and stay awake; also he spent considerable time walking around the mail cab. He was clothed in a heavy fur horsehide coat and when he finally reached the house it was froze solid with the driving snow and bitter cold. When he finally got it off it stood in the corner of their living room. The following morning the horses (both broncos) were standing at the hitching rail alongside the post office as though they were hitched up. John Campbell, then postmaster, feared the worst and the horses were taken to the livery barn. When the storm finally subsided a neighbor was in town and took the team home. Walter was in bed 13 weeks and never fully regained his health.

He managed to return to his mail route and continued to carry mail until the fall of 1922 when he finally resigned. Upon his resigning in 1922 they took over a farm at Mohall, N. Dak. and moved away from Ryder after holding a public auction. They were very reluctant to move after 18 years at Ryder — a community they loved so well and which always seems like home to them.

Walter developed arthritis from the 1917 storm and from 1926 was on crutches for 13 years. He passed away April 8, 1939 at Mohall, N. Dak.

Clarence and family moved to Oregon in 1939. Mrs. Chapman went to live with them in May, 1942. Amos moved there in Nov., 1942. Mrs. Chapman will be 86 years old on July 21. She has 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Landon

Mr. and Mrs. Art Landon were married in Madison, South Dakota on February 2nd, 1916. After coming to the Hiddenwood and Ryder communities they took an active part in the work of the Presbyterian church and Sunday school.

Mr. Landon served several years on the township board, as director on the Queen City Telephone board, and the school board.

Three children were born to the Landons, namely: James of San Francisco, California, Robert at Ryder on the Landon farm, Marjorie Wahl of California, Dale of Dunseith, N. Dak. and Charlet of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mrs. Landon passed away in July, 1947. Mr. Landon makes his home with his son Robert who operates the farm.

MR. and MRS. JOHN STUEFLAT

Benjamin John Stueflat was born in Norway, October 4th, 1880, and came to America in 1900. He lived in Nelson County until 1903, and worked on a farm for three years before coming to Ryder to file on a homestead, which was three miles north of Ryder, where he lived until 1913. He started a blacksmith shop in 1913 and operated this shop until the year of his death — 1947. He learned the trade in Norway when he was a young boy. He blacksmithed at Ryder for 34 years.

Christene Jorstad was born and grew up in Norway. After coming to America she homesteaded two miles north of Ryder in 1904.

John and Christene were married in 1907. Two children were born to this marriage; James who is married and lives at Glasgow, Montana and Ed who is married and lives at Minot. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stueflat have three daughters. The twins, Jean and Janice, and Joan. The Twins operate the "Twin Dancing Studios."

Mr. John Stueflat has told of some early experiences. He often told stories about his straw roofed barn, a buckskin pony, and his four oxen. The coyotes were so bad they came at night and tried to dig through the straw barn. Mr. Stueflat would sit up at night and shoot at them from his shack. He also told of blizzards that were so bad he couldn't get the oxen out of the barn to water them. He would have to shovel snow into the manger so they could get their water that way. The storms were so bad that he couldn't get to town for a week and their grocery supply was gone. He said he lived on flour and water pancakes for days until he could get to town for supplies.

Mrs. Stueflat passed away October 18, 1914. Mr. Stueflat passed away March 7, 1947.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT NEUKOM

A. J. Neukom came to this community in the fall of 1902, coming as so many of the other business men did, as a homesteader. He filed on a claim two miles west of the present site of Ryder, where he farmed for about five years. Then he sold out his machinery and stock, and went back to work at his trade of steam fitting and plumbing. He remained at that until 1919, when he came back to Ryder and bought out K. C. Sweet, who was then engaged in the hardware business here.

Clover Benson was born near Enderlin, N. Dak., and came with her parents, the Peter Bensons, to the Ryder vicinity in the early days. She married Mr. Neukom in 1918 and continued to live at their home in Ryder. Mr. Neukom passed away in 1950; Mrs. Neukom continues to live at Ryder. The Neukom children are as follows: Bert of Tacoma, Washington; Chet of Route 4, Enger Addition, Minot, N. Dak.; and Harold who is employed at the Farmers Union Oil Co. in Ryder.

MR. and MRS. HENRY HOVE

Henry Hove was born in Walsh Co. North eastern part of North Dakota at Union in the year 1883 August 14. He came to Old Ryder in the fall of 1904 when he filed on his quarter of land 12 miles southeast of Ryder as it is now.

Once he came out to live on the homestead, a couple of skunks had raised a family under his shack. The floor had been broken by trappers and since he didn't hear a sound before retiring for the night he figured the trappers had cleaned out what had been there if anything. He woke up with something jumping on his bed, he opened the door and chased it out, but was so curious to find out what it might have been and started chasing it across the snow drift and was almost to Bob Melloms shack when he realized he had no shoes or socks on. He ran back to his shack and crawled back in to his homemade bed only to wake up with another something jumping on his bed. This time he took time to light a match and the lantern, then he saw a whole family of skunks romping and playing through and on top of the floor. He decided he was stumped for the time being so went back to bed.

The next day he made a trap and caught each one, 6 of them without leaving any of their special kind of perfume.

It still seemed he wasn't alone in his little shack. Each evening after going to bed and if he stayed awake long enough there seemed to be something stirring around in his mattress. He decided it was a large cricket, grass hopper, or some sort of large bug. It was such a small matter after that skunk episode. But as the straw wore thinner the moving around was more distinct, so one morning he decided to search it out. Yes, a snake it was, perfectly satisfied with its hibernation quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hove were married January 8, 1908. They lived for three years in the two room sod shack 12 by 18. They used a laundry stove for heating and cooking.

They farmed with oxen for 2 years and with horses until 1925, when Henry bought his first tractor, a fordson.

Mr. Hove passed away in 1953. Mrs. Hove is at present living in Minot, North Dakota. The names of the Hove children are as follows: Hazel Bentz, Alice Suelzle, and Doris Lauber all of Lodi, California; Mable Silvius of Fort Benton, Montana; Arnold of Minot, North Dakota, and Walter of Ryder, N. Dak.

MR. and MRS. HORNING

The Hornings homesteaded at Ryder in 1902. They drove with horses from Mayville, North Dakota in the summer of 1902. It took about a month to make the trip driving forty head of cattle with them to their homestead at Ryder. They were real ranchers.

Tollef Anderson who remained at Ryder for several years came with them. Jerome Horning, their son, about two years of age then, accompanied them on the trip.

Mrs. Horning told about how they had to haul their drinking water six miles; they would haul it from the Linnertz farm.

MR. and MRS. H. E. SCHELLENBAUM

Harry Schellenbaum Sr. was born in 1877 at Seymour, Indiana. He became fatherless at an early age. His mother remarried and the family moved to Missouri and later to Fort Madison, Iowa. Here, Harry married Emily Morehouse in 1898. In 1904 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded in the southeast corner of Ryder township. In August of 1906 Mrs. Schellenbaum and the children (Saul, Harry Jr., John, and Pearl) joined him. Grandma Morehouse also accompanied them to North Dakota. Marguerite, Richard, and Louise were born in Ryder.

There was a lot of snow and cold weather that first winter of 1906-07, but the sod shack was warm. After every bad storm the neighbors had to come and dig them out of the snow. Once it was necessary to cut eight steps in the snowbank in order to get out of the house.

In the summer of 1907 the family moved into Ryder. They moved out in to the country again in 1914 and later back to Ryder again. Grandma Morehouse passed away in 1917.

In 1926 the family moved into Hiddenwood Township where they farmed until 1940 when they purchased a farm in Ryder township. Three deaths occurred in the family during the years they lived in Hiddenwood township; Pearl in 1935, Harry Jr. in 1936, and the Mother, Mrs. H. E. Schellenbaum in 1938.

John and his father occupied this farm until Mr. Schellenbaum's death in 1951, and John has continued to operate it since.

Marguerite (Mrs. Walter Larson) passed away in July, 1955 leaving her husband and eight children. Saul, the oldest, has lived continuously in Ryder and Ryder township for fifty years. His wife was the former, Nellie Ruehl. His son, Ralph is a Physicist for Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Richard and family moved to Los Angeles about 1940. All of his six children are married except Herbert, the youngest.

Louise, (Mrs. Leon Larson), her husband and three daughters reside on their farm south of Minot.

Mr. H. E. Schellenbaum is remembered as a very efficient gardener. His gardens never failed, even in the dry years.

MR. and MRS. MULNAA

Mr. Mulnaa was born in Thranheim, Norway on October 7, 1871. He came to America in 1892 and settled at Reynolds, N. Dak. He came to Ryder in 1902 where he homesteaded. He has been a member of Lutheran Church all his life.

Anna May Christiansen was born in Wisconsin in Dec. 14, 1873. She was married to De Los Roberts who passed away in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts had four boys, Floyd, Marlin, Ernest and Orlo who live in the Ryder vicinity.

Mr. Mulnaa and Mrs. Roberts were married in 1909. They had three children that passed away at infancy. Mr. Mulnaa makes his home with Marlin Roberts.

Mrs. Mulnaa passed away a few years ago.

HISTORY OF MR. and MRS. HENRY BRACELEN

as told by Mrs. Bracelen

Mr. Bracelen was born in Kansas and I was born in Pawnee City, Neb. We both were raised in Huneboldt, Nebraska. We were married March 28, 1901 and lived in Huneboldt until in October 1904, when we moved to Lincoln, Neb. Mr. Bracelen left Lincoln for Ryder in June 1907 and I and Dorothy and Leo went to Ryder October 27, 1907. Mr. Bracelen belonged to the Catholic church, the children and I went to the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bracelen was supervisor of Ryder township for a number of years.

Leo and Dorothy both graduated from Ryder school. Leo passed away December 31, 1950 at Spokane, Washington. Mr. Bracelen passed away Feb. 9, 1955 in Spokane, Washington. I live at Carrington, N. Dak. Dorothy (Mrs. Gus Tronson) lives at Spokane, Wn.

MR. and MRS. ALBERT (TED) OLSON

Ted Olson as he was known to all his acquaintances came to Ryder in 1905 from Berthold where he had been raised. Ted's business in Ryder in the early days was running a livery barn. He was also employed at a Machine Company and also worked for his brother, Steve in Ryder.

Mr. Olson was married twice. His first wife having passed away not many years after their marriage. He then was married to Myrtle Lomen, daughter of A.C.O. Lomen, early pioneer of the Ryder area. Three sons were born to the Olsons. The Olsons lived in Ryder until moving to Stanley, N. Dak. where he conducted an Implement business until he passed away October 17, 1931. His wife then returned to live in Ryder where she operated a grocery store for a while, later selling her property and moving to California where she still resides. The three Olson sons, Donald, lives at Sacramento, Calif., David in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Archie also in California.

MR. and MRS. ALFRED MATHIESON

Mr. Mathieson was born in Michigan, and spent his early childhood in eastern N. D. and moved to Blue Hill claim in 1903. Mrs. Mathieson was born at Oslo, Norway, and came to America at the age of 16. The children are as follows: Emil of Yakima, Wash., Mabel White of Longview, Wash., Alice Bellmore of Hollywood, California, Myrtle Thue of Howard, S. D., Letha Patampa, Eugene, Ore., Roy of Aberdeen, Wn., and Inez Fadness of Lisbon, N. Dak.

Mrs. Mathieson passed away in October 1912. After her death the children were raised by good friends and neighbors. Mr. Mathieson passed away in Montana in 1936.

THE VAN SICKLE FAMILY

The Van Sickle family came here from Wisconsin. They bought and settled on a farm two miles northeast of Ryder, where they lived for a number of years. Their son Leslie did the farming and the children Jennie, Josie and Doris attended school at Ryder. Jennie was in the first class graduating from Ryder High School. She married another student of Ryder High, a Dewitt Van Horn from the Raub vicinity. Josie passed away at an early age. Doris continued High School here and eventually married Herman Muhlbradt from Raub, where they still reside on a farm. G. R. Van Sickle, an older son worked in the First National bank of Ryder for a while, then married a Ryder school teacher who was a sister of Mrs. B. A. Dickinson. They then moved to Minot where they remained until they passed away several years ago. Three sons, Bruce, Ross and Earl as well as his second wife Edith Van Sickle still live there and carry on their work. Leslie married Martha Allen. They lived in Ryder for a time then they moved to Minnesota and then to Wisconsin, where he still lives. She passed away several years ago. There were other children in this family but were not well known here.

MR. and MRS. HENRY SNIPPEN

In the year 1902, Mrs. A. P. Matson, Nee Sophia Rudh and I, Elsie were teaching country school in Creel School District near Devils Lake, N. Dak. We boarded ourselves at the Jacobson farm home, located midway between the two schools. Our transportation was bicycles. Roads then were quite different than now, winding wagon trails, mud holes, ruts and rocks, so we took a few spills.

Having in mind to take up homesteads and receiving word July 2nd to come to Minot immediately if we were interested in Fort Berthold Reservation claims, we mounted our bicycles the same day school closed and rode the twelve miles into Devils Lake and were fortunate the train to Minot was late, so we made connections. We arrived in Minot early the next morning and stayed at the Waverly Hotel until the land office opened. We filed on our claims and were able to return to Devils Lake the same day. Now we each had 160 acres of land.

In making that trip to Devils Lake on a detour I fell off my bicycle and said "For the land sake". Mrs. Matson calmly replied "Its for lands sake we are making the trip". We kept on teaching and made arrangements to go out to the homesteads awhile in the fall.

The 26th of April 1903, we landed on our homesteads again. We had not unpacked fully when Mr. Ole Rostad came asking for help as his wife was very ill. Mrs. Rostad and their five children had arrived from Minnesota just two weeks earlier. Mrs. Rostad passed away May 1st, the children were taken back to

Minnesota. Mrs. Matson commuted on her claim in the fall of 1903 and returned to Minnesota. I took a school at Centerville, later called Ryder. A homestead shack owned by Mr. Luther served as school house, equipment consisted of home made benches and a long table, blackboards was building paper between the 2 by 4's, the usual inside finish of homesteader's shacks. Chalk was ordered from Minot. Having about twenty pupils, I recall only some of the names, Sampsons, Gettle and Amundsons. Sorry I can't name more.

On the 12th of September a bad blizzard raged more than two days and put an end to my teaching which should have been three months. Those with families moved to Minot. Many homesteaders lost stock, which drifted with the storm and perished in the alkali slough, sometimes known as the Linnertz slough.

Almost all the homesteaders had five or ten acres of flax, this was snowed under but came out pretty good.

In April 1906, I proved up my claim and was married to Henry Snippen and proved up another claim where our four boys, Harlow, Byran, Earl and Milton were born.

In 1916 we sold the homestead and moved into Ryder where Mr. Snippen went into the farm Implement Business.

Milton makes his home with Earl and family in Seattle, where I also have a home. At this time Mr. Snippen is with Byron and his wife, the former Gladys Peterson, daughter of a Ryder pioneer Mr. Louis Peterson of Bismarck. Bismarck is also Byron's home. Harlow passed away in 1949.

GEORGE ROBBINS

The late George Robbins who passed away in Jan. 1922 and his wife Georgia who now lives in Williston, came to N. Dak. in the early 1900's from the Hoosier State of Indiana, and bought a quarter of land from a man John Heinen who had homesteaded previously. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins were both very community spirited and did much toward the community. They both served many years on the school board. Mr. Robbins also held Township office. They attended the Mt. Zion Church south of their farm. After Mr. Robbins' death Mrs. Robbins lived on the farm for a short period and has since lived in Ryder, Minot and now at Williston. There are five girls in the Robbins family, Lorraine Linnertz of Ryder, Freda Gehring and Gennevieve Hutmacher of Garrison, Geneva McQuory of Williston and Gladys Misslin of Riverdale.

PETER LARSON

Peter Larson homesteaded in Blue Hill township. Margaret Larson, a niece, made her home with her uncle and kept house for him until she became Mrs. Oscar Johnson of Roseglen. Mr. Larson, after failing health and old age in turn made his home with his niece until his death.

MR. and MRS. JOHN GRIMES

John Grimes was born at Neenah, Wis. on February 2, 1865, and was the son of Irish immigrant parents. He grew up in Wisconsin and spent some of his winters in a logging camp there. Later he came to Fargo, N. Dak., to help his brother Frank, who was a contractor.

In the spring of 1902, he came to Roseglen to file on a homestead there, where his wife, Mrs. Emma Grimes still resides with their daughter and son-in-law.

Like all the early settlers, in this new country, his home was a tiny one room shack, as they were called. He lived here for eight years by himself. He plowed his fields with a walking plow and oxen. He bought his bread from neighbors and groceries from a local store owned by new found friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Snippen, who lived some five miles away.

The lumber for his shack was hauled from Minot, a distance of 55 miles, the closest town with a railroad.

Emma Beske Grimes was born at New Rome, Wisconsin on January 15, 1875 and came to Fargo, N. D. in 1900, where she opened a dress making shop in partnership with her friend, Sadie. Sadie in 1905 became Mrs. Frank Grimes. It was at this wedding Emma Beske met John Grimes, and they were married in January, 1910.

In the spring of 1910 he brought his bride out to live in what now was a growing and thriving farm community.

Two children were born to them: Pat who is a mechanical Engineer, living at Lawrenceburg, Ind., and Catherine (Mrs. Weldon Haugen) lives on the homestead. A new home was built in 1917 and many new buildings have been added since. Mr. Grimes passed away at Minot November 2, 1936.

MR. and MRS. C. O. HALLAN

C. O. Hallan was born in Sweden January 5, 1873. When he was 27 years of age he came to America and to Mayville, N. Dak. where he worked for four years before coming to the Ryder vicinity where he homesteaded. In September, 1904, he married Margaret Sliper who was born in Mosveken, Norway August 20, 1881. She came to America as a young girl, and was employed in Minot, until she was married.

The Hallans continued to live on their farm four miles south and one mile west of Ryder until 1943 when Mr. Hallan's health failed and they moved to Minot. Mr. Hallan passed away November 10, 1943 and Mrs. Hallan has since made her home in Minot.

The Hallans had nine children namely: Henry of Reynolds, N. Dak., Otto of LaCrescenta, Calif., Lawrence of Overland, Missouri, Clarence of Grand Forks, N. Dak., Margot (Mrs. Walter Sorenson), Springfield, Ore., Cora (Mrs. M. A. Kennedy), Walker, Minnesota, Mildred (Mrs. Eugene Beam) of LaCrescenta, Calif., Ruth (Mrs. Roger Bakemann) Minot, N. Dak., Clara (Mrs. Chas. Geust) passed away several years ago.

MR. and MRS. OLE OLNESS

Ole Olness was born in Norway on January 8, 1871. He came to America in the spring of 1891. He completed his eighth grade education in Norway and attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., for one year to learn the English language. When he came to America he settled in Kragness, Minn., where he ran elevator and rented a piece of land.

Kari Uglene was born March 6, 1878 in Norway. She received her eighth grade education and a few years later in 1898, on February 9 she came to America with an uncle, who had been in Norway for a visit. She did not intend to stay more than five years; her father was then coming and she planned to go home with him. Her father never came, and she has never been back to Norway.

Mr. and Mrs. Olness were married in 1900 and they moved to Ryder in June 1907. Mrs. Olness tells how she will never forget the trip from Bismarck to Ryder when they moved in 1907. There was no passenger car on the railroad, only a caboose with a bench on 2 sides. It was quite a trip with four little boys, all under six years. They kept falling off the bench, and finally they all just stayed on the floor, except the five month old baby, Ben, which she had to hold in her lap all the time.

After coming to Ryder in 1907 Mr. Olness operated a General store in partnership with Peder Hanson, a brother of Mrs. Olness, and Tom Brusegaard. A few years later they sold their shares and Mr. Olness became the sole owner of the business. The store was located on the corner, now owned by the Mobil Gas Co., for seven years. Then it was moved to the present location where it has been in operation since. A hardware store was operated in the old location until it burned down in 1917.

The Olness Merc. was operated by Mr. Olness and his son Sigvold until 1947 when Sig purchased it from his father and has continued the business since. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Olness are: Sigvold of Ryder who still operates the Olness store, Henry of Fairmont, Minn. He works for Diversified Service Inc., Clarence of Williston, N. D. who owns a B & B Drug Co., Bernard of Big Timber, Montana who is a dentist, and Dagny, (Mrs. Ingvold Thvedt) of Fairbault, Minn.

All five children started school in Ryder and graduated from Ryder High School. All five attended and graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., except Bernhard who attended for 2 years and then attended and graduated from Kansas City Dental College.

Mr. Olness passed away May 1, 1948 at Ryder. Mrs. Olness makes her home with her daughter Dagny.

MR. and MRS. LOUIS REUHL

Written by Mrs. Saul Schellenbaum

On April 6, 1916, a Mother and her five children stepped off the Soo Line train at Ryder station to be met by the Father and a man who we learned later was Otto Lomen, the news reporter.

The father, Mr. Louis Ruehl had already arrived by freight car some days ahead with his farm animals, machinery, and household goods.

The children were Lillie, Nellie, Elizabeth, Viola, and Elmer.

Mr. Ruehl had farmed near Lidgerwood, N. Dak. for many years after coming from White, S. Dak. where he had married Anna Glaser who had immigrated with her parents from Germany when she was twelve. Their first child, a daughter, passed away in S. Dak. and a son, Louis Jr. age three was drowned at Lidgerwood.

The Ruehl family moved on a farm northwest of Ryder known as the Louis Rosenberg farm. The children attended the Ryder Public School from which Nellie, Viola, and Elmer are graduates.

On July 19, 1916, the tenth anniversary of Ryder was celebrated. It is interesting for the writer to recall the many differences and changes in the town and populace since then.

In 1919 the Ruehl family left the farm and moved to Ryder where Mr. Ruehl operated a cream station until he and Mrs. Ruehl went to make their home in Yakima, Wash. Their daughters Lillie and Elizabeth and their son, Elmer had previously moved to Yakima. Lillie passed away on Sept. 1, 1946 and Mrs. Ruehl died February 4, 1955.

Elmer who was married in 1940 still resides in Yakima and is a manager of a Fruit Packing Company, Viola (Mrs. Raleigh Odenbrett), her husband and son LeRoy live in Geneseo, N. Dak. Elizabeth lives in Montana and Nellie (Mrs. Saul Schellenbaum) has been a resident of Ryder the past forty years. She and Viola are former teachers and have gone back into the profession. Mrs. Schellenbaum has been the Primary teacher the past five years in the Ryder Public Schools.

At present Mr. Ruehl, who will be 88 years of age on July 8, 1956, lives in a convalescent home in Yakima. He was born in Ackerville, Wis.

MR. and MRS. GOLDER

Written by Mrs. John Olson, their youngest daughter

Mr. Golder was born October 31, 1872 at Big Rapids, Michigan. Mrs. Golder was born at Elizabeth, Minnesota, January 7, 1885. They were married May 31, 1905 at Mallard, Minnesota and moved to Ryder in August in 1906. There they bought two lots and built a small house, and Mr. Golder started a drayline and freighted lumber, etc. from Garrison to Ryder. The next fall, 1907 he sold out to George Officer and moved to Minot.

Their oldest daughter, Gladys was born December 21, 1906 and had the distinction of being the first girl born in Ryder. Their was a boy born before she was. Dr. Griffin was called out of town and a blizzard prevented him from getting back and a Mrs. John Weikert saved Mrs. Golder and her baby. It was a terrible winter and the Government granted the Homesteaders a three months leave of absence from their homesteads, and so a Mrs. Minnie Cady stayed the rest of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Golder and new daughter.

The nearest neighbors were Charley and Edna Weikert. The business places were run by the following people as Mrs. Golder recalls them. The Lindgren Brothers operated a grocery store, and their sister did dressmaking. A Mr. Ole Bye and his sister had a postoffice and store in connection, Benik and Wursthier had a meat market and grocery and Mrs. Golder remembers that steak was 12½ cents a pound and everyone thought they were being robbed. Mr. Woods operated a drugstore, and a Mrs. Gray ran a hotel. Mr. Harris Brandberg had a restaurant, and his brother Ralph worked for Mr. Golder on the dray.

Mr. and Mrs. Golder attended the Presbyterian Church and Rev. Castle was the pastor. The town of Ryder was laid out in a ripe field of grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Golder now reside in Glenburn and have four daughters, Mrs. Louie Buck (Gladys), San Francisco, California, Mrs. Arthur Bean (Edythe) Glenburn, N. Dak., Mrs. Elmer Tincknell (Helen), Newaygo, Michigan and Mrs. John Olson (Francis), at Upham, N. Dak.

Mr. Golder is eighty-three, going on eighty-four and Mrs. Golder is seventy-one and are both in fair health. They celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary last year.

MR. and MRS. HENRY VAN DE BRUGGEN

Henry Van De Bruggen and wife came from Holland. They became acquainted and were married after coming to America. They lived in Wisconsin for sometime before coming to Ryder. In 1934 they moved back to Wisconsin, where they still live.

Eight children were born to this union, one son died when a baby. Mrs. Van De Bruggen passed away in 1953.

The living children are: John of Oneida, Wisconsin; Martin of Marengo, Wisconsin; William of Green Bay, Wisconsin; Mrs. Harry Olson of Onieda, Wisconsin; Mrs. Frank Garson and Mrs. Ervin Kropp of West De Pere, Wisconsin, and Mrs. Ed Stueflat of Minot, N. Dak.

MR. and MRS. J. P. PETERSON

J. P. Peterson was born in Norway and came to America when he was two years old with his parents. In 1881 he came to Washburn, bringing his wife and two children Louie and Cora, with them.

In 1907, the family moved to Ryder where Mr. Peterson started the Peterson and Holtan Machine Co.; he also farmed west of Ryder adjoining the city limits. In 1928 he retired and went to Big Timber, Montana to make his home with his daughter Permilia (Mrs. Henry Holtan).

Mrs. Peterson passed away in 1927. Mr. Peterson passed away in 1930. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were members of St. John's Lutheran church where the children were all baptized and confirmed. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were parents of the following children: Louie of Bismarck, N. Dak., Cora (Mrs. E. H. Holtan) Olympia, Wn., Ruth of Prineville, Ore., Curtis of Raub and Parshall, N. Dak., E. O. Peterson of Thief River Falls, Minn. The following have all deceased: Mina (Mrs. I. C. Haugland); Permilia (Mrs. Henry Holtan); Ella (Mrs. Hans Boe); Clara (Mrs. Haugland) and Agnes Peterson, a nurse.



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